

**Jay Shepherd** 

Professional Corporation 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 806 Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

## BY EMAIL and RESS

June 11, 2014 Our File No. EB-2013-0321

Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

## Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: EB-2013-0321 – OPG Payment Amounts – Cost Claims

We are counsel for the School Energy Coalition. On behalf of SEC and other intervenors we are writing this letter to request that the Board order the assessment and payment of costs in this matter on an interim basis.

The OPG Payment Amounts case is a major undertaking by all parties, requiring the allocation of a lot of resources by the Board, the Applicant, and many of the intervenors. The activity of intervenors started with the filing of the Application in September, 2013, and in the normal course cost claims would not be considered and paid until December 2014, or January 2015, i.e. 15-16 months later. This is longer than typical Board proceedings, which run an average of nine months from start to finish.

In this kind of situation, the Board has from time to time in the past ordered assessment and payment of costs to qualified intervenors on an interim basis. SEC asks that the Board consider providing for interim costs in this proceeding.

Specifically, SEC asks the Board to provide for cost claims from intervenors for the period ending immediately prior to the oral hearing, i.e. June 11, 2014. This would cover review of the evidence, issues, interrogatories, technical conference, ADR, and a number of procedural

Jay Shepherd Professional Corporation

matters. Remaining would be the oral hearing, final argument, etc., which could be covered in a final cost claim at the end of the proceeding, as is normally done.

SEC believes that, if the Board were to provide for interim cost claims for this period, we would be in position to file a claim by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This could allow for payment of interim costs in July or August.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours very truly, JAY SHEPHERD P. C.

Jay Shepherd

cc: Wayne McNally, SEC (email) Interested Parties