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IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost award eligibility for
interested stakeholders in relation to consultation to
examine recent developments in the North American
natural gas market to better understand any potential
implications for Ontario's natural gas sector

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Board Member

Cathy Spoel
Board Member

DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY
(Originally issued November 27, 2014 and as corrected November 28, 2014)

In a letter dated September 19, 2014 ("the [cover letter](#)"), the Board initiated a consultation to examine recent developments in the North American natural gas market to better understand any potential implications for Ontario's natural gas sector. Specifically, the consultation process will identify and explain key influences on the Ontario natural gas sector over the next 3 to 5 years.

A list of registered participants in this consultation is attached as Appendix A. Stakeholders that filed requests to participate after the September 30, 2014 due date are responsible for requesting any documentation or notices sent to registered participants prior to the date their request was received by the Board.

The cover letter notified stakeholders that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to their

participation in eligible activities as set out in Appendix A of the cover letter. The cover letter further indicated that stakeholders who register to participate in this consultation and who were determined to be eligible for cost awards in the Board's QRAM Process Review (EB-2014-0199) would automatically be eligible for cost awards in this consultation. The cover letter also indicated that any costs awarded will be recovered from all rate regulated natural gas distributors apportioned on a pro-rata basis relative to their contributions to the Board's annual cost assessment.

The Board received requests for cost award eligibility from Association of Power Producers of Ontario; Consumers Council of Canada; School Energy Coalition; and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition. All four were eligible for cost awards in EB-2014-0199 and are therefore recognized as eligible in relation to the current consultation.

Participants eligible to request an award of costs in the current consultation are:

Association of Power Producers of Ontario
Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto
Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters
Consumers Council of Canada
Energy Probe Research Foundation
Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario
Industrial Gas User's Association
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Low-Income Energy Network
Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers
School Energy Coalition
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

DATED at Toronto, November 28, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Appendix A – Participant List

APPENDIX A

PARTICIPANT LIST

DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY (Corrected)

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