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BY E-MAIL

February 13, 2015

Mr. Paul Babirad
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Dear Mr. Babirad:

**Re: Mr. Paul Babirad on behalf of Mr. Jim Babirad
Application under section 38(3) of the OEB Act
Gas Storage Compensation
OEB File Number EB-2014-0351**

The OEB has received your request for cost award eligibility dated February 11, 2015. You requested to be granted cost award eligibility status pursuant to Rule 39.01 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*. You stated that your cost award eligibility would fall under sections 3.07 and 3.08 of the Ontario Energy Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (Practice Direction).

I have determined that you are eligible for a cost award under the Practice Direction. I ask, however, that you please review the Practice Direction carefully for further information about the types of costs and disbursements that you may claim as an individual applicant in the OEB's processes.

Individual parties, including applicants that represent their own interests may claim for wage or salary losses incurred as a result of participating in a hearing. They may also, in appropriate circumstances, be eligible for an honorarium at the discretion of the OEB. Fees are not generally permitted to be claimed by individuals under the Board's Cost Award Tariff. The Board's Cost Award Tariff is not intended to apply to applicants or individual participants, but rather to consultants or experts that are acting on behalf of another party.

I note that being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing. Please also review section 5 of the Practice Direction which lists the things the OEB may consider in determining the amount of any cost award.

DATED at Toronto, February 13, 2015

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By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

Kristi Sebalj
Registrar