



**EB-2015-0006**

**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 a consultation process  
to establish criteria to facilitate the elimination of the  
remaining load transfer arrangements between electricity  
distributors.

**BEFORE:** Marika Hare  
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel  
Board Member

### **DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY**

April 14, 2015

In a Notice of Proposal dated February 20, 2015 (the "[February 20<sup>th</sup> Notice](#)"), the Board initiated a consultation to amend the Distribution System Code ("DSC") in relation to the elimination of Load Transfer Arrangements.

In the February 20<sup>th</sup> Notice, the Board indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to the provision of comments on proposed DSC amendments to a maximum of 8 hours. The February 20<sup>th</sup> Notice also stated that costs awarded will be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

The Board received requests for cost eligibility from the following stakeholders:

- Consumers Council of Canada; and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition.

Electricity distributors were given an opportunity to file any objections they might have in relation to the eligibility of the above-noted participants for an award of costs. The Board did not receive any objections from distributors.

Based on the criteria set out in section 3 of the Board's *Practice and Direction on Cost Awards*, the Board has determined that both of these stakeholders are eligible for an award of costs. The Board expects that eligible stakeholders with similar interests will make reasonable efforts to coordinate their participation and to cooperate with other participants. The Board will consider any lack of coordination or cooperation when determining the amount of a cost award.

**ISSUED** at Toronto, April 14, 2015.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary