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## **BY E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING**

April 30, 2015

**To: All Rate-regulated Electricity Distributors  
Participants in EB-2012-0410  
All Interested Parties**

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards  
Board File No.: EB-2012-0410**

On April 3, 2014, the Board issued a letter regarding its draft Policy on Rate Design for Electricity Distributors. The OEB has now released its Policy on Rate Design for Electricity Residential Customers.

The letter invited interested stakeholders to provide input on the draft Policy for a fixed rate design solution to achieve revenue decoupling for low-volume electricity consumers. The letter also stated 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 forming part of the Board's initiative, and that any costs awarded will be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors.

In accordance with the Board's May 29, 2014 Decision on Cost Eligibility, the following are eligible for an award of costs in relation to this initiative: Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario; Association of Power Producers of Ontario; Building Owners and Managers Association; Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters; Canadian Solar Energy Association; Consumers Council of Canada; Energy Probe Research Foundation; Green Energy Coalition; London Property Management Association; Low Income Energy Network; School Energy Coalition; Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario; and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition.

In accordance with the Letter, cost awards are available for: (i) preparing written comments in response to the Board's draft Policy, up to a maximum of 25 hours; and (ii) preparation for, attendance at and reporting on stakeholder meetings held with staff May 16, 2014 or May 26, 2014, to a maximum of 7 hours.

### **Notice of Hearing**

The Board is initiating this hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that may be made in accordance with section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to the consultation process on the Board's Policy on Rate Design for Electricity Residential Customers. The file number for this hearing is **EB-2012-0410**.

The Board intends to proceed by way of written hearing unless a party can satisfy the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If a party wants to object to a written hearing, the objection must be received by the Board no later than **7 days** after the date of this Notice.

If the Board does not receive any objections to a written hearing, the hearing will follow the process set out below.

1. Eligible participants shall submit their cost claims by **May 11, 2015**. A copy of the cost claim must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on each rate-regulated electricity distributor and each rate-regulated electricity transmitter. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. As contemplated in the *Practice Direction*, the cost claim form has been customized for this consultation. Eligible participants must use the customized form that is attached as Attachment A to this Notice.
2. Electricity distributors and transmitters will have until **May 19, 2015** to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. A copy of the objection must be filed with the Board and one copy must be served on the Eligible Participant against whose claim the objection is being made.
3. The Eligible Participant whose cost claim was objected to will have until May 28, 2015 to make a reply submission as to why its cost claim should be allowed. A copy of the reply submission must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on the objecting distributor.

4. The Board will then issue its decision on cost awards. The Board's costs may also be addressed in the cost awards decision.

Service of cost claims, objections and reply submissions on other parties may be effected by courier, registered mail, facsimile or e-mail.

All submissions in this hearing (i.e., cost claims, objections, or replies) will form part of the public record. Copies of the submissions will be available for inspection at the Board's office and the submissions may be published on the Board's website.

Parties must file two paper copies and one electronic copy of their submissions with the Board Secretary by **4:45 pm** on the required dates. The Board requests that parties make every effort to provide electronic copies of their filings in searchable/unrestricted Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format, and to submit their filings through the Board's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. A user ID is required to submit documents through the Board's web portal. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-filings services" webpage on the Board's website at [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca), and fill out a user ID password request. Additionally, parties are requested to follow the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the document entitled "RESS Document Preparation – A Quick Guide" also found on the e-filing services webpage. If the Board's web portal is not available, electronic copies of filings may be filed by e-mail at [boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca). Those that do not have internet access should provide a CD containing their filing in PDF format.

All submissions must quote file number **EB-2012-0410** and include your name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, and fax number.

**If you do not file a letter objecting to a written hearing or do not participate in the hearing by filing written submissions in accordance with this Notice, the Board may proceed without your participation and you will not be entitled to further notice in this proceeding.**

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

Attachment A: Form for Cost Claim

Attachment "A"

Form for Cost Claim

**Ontario Energy Board**  
**COST CLAIM FOR CONSULTATIONS**  
**Statement of Fees Being Claimed**



File # EB- 2012-0410

Process Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers

Party \_\_\_\_\_

HST Rate: \_\_\_\_\_

		Written Comments on Board's Draft Policy	Meeting with Board Staff May 16 or May 26, 2014			
		Eligible Participant	Eligible Participant			
Individual Whose Fees are Being Claimed	Hourly rate	<i>Up to 25 hours</i>	<i>Up to 7 hours</i>	Subtotal	HST	Total
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Totals:</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
				<b>Total legal/consultant fees:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>