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

June 11, 2015

**To: All Rate-regulated Electricity Distributors  
Participants in EB-2013-0004  
All Interested Parties**

**Re: Revised Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards  
Board File No.: EB-2013-0004**

On January 24, 2013, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a consultation commencement letter notifying stakeholders that cost awards will be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act) for their participation in the Load Displacement Generation Working Group and/or in relation to the broader consultation process, as applicable. The OEB noted that any costs awarded will be recovered from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

On April 2, 2015, the OEB issued [A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers](#) (Rate Design Report). In the Rate Design Report, the OEB indicated that it intends to remove the standby rate when the new rate policy is implemented for commercial customers.<sup>1</sup>

The OEB finds it appropriate at this time to arrange for payment of cost awards for work performed on the EB-2013-0004 consultation, which has now effectively concluded. Any future work and any recoverable costs on standby rates for commercial and industrial customers will be handled under a subsequent project.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2012-0410, Board Policy, dated April 2, 2015, p.6.

In accordance with the Board's March 4, 2013 Decision on Cost Eligibility (Decision), the following parties are eligible for an award of costs in relation to this initiative: Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario; Building Owners and Managers Association; London Property Management Association; Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators; and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition for their participation in the EB-2013-0004 consultation.

In accordance with the Decision, cost awards are available for preparation for, attendance at and reporting on meetings of the Load Displacement Generation Working Group, to a maximum of 11 hours for each of the days that the Load Displacement Generation Working Group met. The Load Displacement Generation Working Group met on April 5, 2013, April 23, 2013, June 25, 2013, and September 26, 2013. Additionally, a sub-group of the Load Displacement Generation Working Group met on May 23, 2013. Only cost-eligible parties that attended the sub-group meeting are eligible to claim the maximum of 11 hours for that meeting.

### **Notice of Hearing**

The OEB 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 with respect to Development of a Standby Rate for Policy for Load Displacement Generation. The file number for this hearing is **EB-2013-0004**.

The OEB intends to proceed by way of written hearing unless a party can satisfy the OEB 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 OEB no later than **7 days** after the date of this Notice.

If the OEB 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 **June 18, 2015**. A copy of the cost claim must be filed with the OEB and one copy is to be served on each rate-regulated electricity distributor. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the OEB'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 Appendix A to this Notice.

2. Electricity distributors will have until **June 25, 2015** to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. A copy of the objection must be filed with the OEB 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 **July 2, 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 OEB and one copy is to be served on the objecting distributor.
4. The OEB will then issue its decision on cost awards. The OEB'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 OEB's office and the submissions may be published on the OEB'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 OEB 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 OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. A user ID is required to submit documents through the OEB's web portal. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-filings services" webpage on the OEB'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 OEB'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-2013-0004** 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 OEB 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

Appendix A: Ontario Energy Board Cost Claim for Consultations: Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements

**Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards  
Board File No. EB-2013-0004**

**APPENDIX A**

**Ontario Energy Board Cost Claim for Consultations:  
Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements**

The forms that eligible participants must complete are provided in a separate MS Excel Workbook named, "EB-2013-0004 Cost Claim Form for Consultation.xls"