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October 14, 2015

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition
London Property Management Association
All Other Interested Parties**

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards—Phase 2
Review of Cost Allocation Policy for Unmetered Loads
OEB File No.: EB-2012-0383**

Background

On April 30, 2014, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [Decision and Order on Cost Awards](#) for the cost allocation policy review for unmetered loads for consultation activities up to that date.

In order to address the allocation of costs to daisy-chain configured street lighting systems, the OEB initiated a single-issue consultation and held two short working group meetings on February 11, 2015 (3 hours) and March 23, 2015 (1.5 hours). Two participants in the working group (Energy Probe Research Foundation and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition) were eligible for an award of costs in the first phase of this consultation. The OEB will grant these two participants cost awards for the second phase of the consultation (namely the two working group meetings on February 11, 2015 and March 23, 2015).

Eligible participants can claim cost awards for preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on the two working group meetings to a maximum of 10 hours per day.

The OEB has determined that costs awarded will be recovered 100% from all licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

Notice of Hearing

The OEB is initiating this hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that will be made in accordance with section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, in relation to phase 2 of the Review of Cost Allocation Policy for Unmetered Loads. The file number for this hearing is **EB-2012-0383**.

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.

Assuming that 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 **October 28, 2015**. A copy of the cost claim must be filed with the OEB and one copy is to be served on each licensed 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 on Cost Awards*, the cost claim form has been customized for this consultation. Eligible participants must use the customized form that is attached to this Notice.
2. Electricity distributors will have until **November 4, 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 **November 11, 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 electricity 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.

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of its *Practice Direction on Cost*

Awards to implement the payment of the cost awards. Therefore, the OEB will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards in this process. For more information on this process, please see the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and the October 27, 2005 letter regarding the rationale for the OEB acting as a clearing house for the cost award payments. These documents can be found on the OEB's website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca on the "Rules, Guidelines and Forms" webpage.

Parties must file two paper copies and one electronic copy of their filings with the OEB 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, 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. Those that do not have internet access should provide a CD containing their filing in PDF format.

All filings must quote file number **EB-2012-0383** and include your name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, and fax number.

All filings in this hearing (i.e., cost claims, objections, or replies), will form part of the public record. Copies of the filings will be available for inspection at the OEB's office during normal business hours and the filings may be placed on the OEB's website.

If the filing is from a private citizen (i.e., not a lawyer representing a client, not a consultant representing a client or organization, not an individual in an organization that represents the interests of consumers or other groups, and not an individual from a regulated entity), before making the filing available for viewing at the OEB's offices or placing the filing on the OEB's website, the OEB will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the filing (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the filing may be available for viewing at the OEB's offices and will be placed on the OEB's website.

If you do not file a letter objecting to a written hearing or do not participate in the hearing by filing written materials 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

Attachment