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Kimberly Marshall
Vice President, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
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Dear Ms. Marshall:

RE: OESP Administrative Costs

Pursuant to subsection 79.2(11) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act), the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has determined that, as a condition of the IESO's licence, the IESO is required to pay for the OEB's costs in respect of the implementation and administration of the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP).

These costs, which are referred to as "OESP administrative costs" in Ontario Regulation 314/15 (Ontario Electricity Support Program) (the OESP Regulation), comprise the following:

1. The fees and other costs charged by the centralized service provider engaged by the OEB to implement and administer the OESP, including the costs paid by the centralized service provider to OESP intake agencies;
2. The fees and other costs charged by the Ministry of Finance under its agreement with the OEB; and
3. The OEB's costs of, and incidental to, the consultation process for the implementation of the OESP, which the IESO is required to pay pursuant to the Decision and Order of the OEB dated April 24, 2015 (EB-2015-0148).

Pursuant to subsection 79.2(9) of the Act and subsection 3(4) of the OESP Regulation, the IESO will be compensated for these expenditures through the OESP charge it will collect from market participants and any others who withdraw electricity from the grid.

The OEB has made this determination without a hearing, in accordance with subsection 70(1.1) of the Act.

Thank you for the IESO's co-operation in delivering this important program for low-income electricity consumers.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kristen Walli
Board Secretary