Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

EB-2015-0237

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Cost award eligibility for interested parties and stakeholders participating in the consultation to examine recent developments in the North American natural gas market to better understand any potential implications for Ontario's natural gas sector

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel

Presiding Member

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In a letter dated November 25, 2015 ("the <u>cover letter</u>"), the Board initiated its 3rd Natural Gas Market Review consultation. The purpose of the initiative is to examine developments in the North American natural gas market over the last year to better understand any potential implications for Ontario's natural gas sector. The consultation process will identify and explain key influences on the Ontario natural gas sector over the next 3 to 5 years.

A list of registered participants in this consultation is attached as Appendix A. Stakeholders that filed requests to participate after the December 9, 2015 due date are responsible for requesting any documentation or notices sent to registered participants prior to the date their request was received by the Board.

The cover letter notified stakeholders 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 as set out in Appendix A of the cover letter. The cover letter also indicated that any costs awarded will be recovered from all rate regulated natural gas distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

The Board received requests for cost award eligibility from the following participants:

Association of Power Producers of Ontario

Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters

Consumers Council of Canada

Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario

Industrial Gas Users Association

London Property Management Association

School Energy Coalition

Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

No objections were received to any of the above requests for cost eligibility. All of the above listed participants are eligible to request an award of costs in the current consultation.

DATED at Toronto January 18, 2016 **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

Appendix A – List of Participants

APPENDIX A DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD EB-2015-0237 January 18, 2016

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