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To: All Rate-Regulated Licensed Electricity Distributors
Consumers Council of Canada
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition
All Other Interested Parties

**Re: Update to Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards
Elimination of Load Transfer Arrangements – Proposed Amendments to
Distribution System Code
OEB File Number: EB-2015-0006**

On May 11, 2016, a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards was issued in relation to this consultation process ([May 11th Notice](#)).

On May 19, 2016, the Consumers Council of Canada (CCC) contacted the OEB and inquired as to whether cost awards could also be claimed in relation to a working group that provided advice on rate mitigation alternatives (the working group). One meeting was held on July 16, 2016 at the OEB offices.

The purpose of this letter is to inform parties that the OEB has decided to increase the number of hours that are eligible for cost awards by up to an **additional five hours** in relation to **participation in the working group**. This change applies to both of the eligible participants identified in the May 11th Notice; namely, CCC and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC).

Please submit the attached Revised Cost Claim Form (Attachment A) if you wish to make any changes related to involvement in the working group.

About one week will be added to each of the dates set out in the May 11th Notice to take this change into account; specifically:

1. Eligible participants shall submit their **revised** cost claims by **May 30, 2016**.
2. Rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors will have until **June 6, 2016** to object to any aspect of the costs claimed.
3. An eligible participant whose cost claim was objected to will have until **June 13, 2016** to make a reply submission as to why its cost claim should be allowed.

Aside from the changes to the dates above and the addition of the working group as an eligible activity, the May 11th Notice remains unchanged. If a Revised Cost Claim Form is not submitted, the OEB will process the initial Cost Claim Form issued on May 11th.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Cincar at 416-440-7696 or Chris.Cincar@OntarioEnergyBoard.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Attachment A: Revised Form for Cost Claim

**Update to Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards
Board File No: EB-2015-0006
ATTACHMENT A
Ontario Energy Board Cost Claim Form 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-2015-0006 Revised Cost Claim Form for Consultation.xls".