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June 14, 2017

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Other Interested Parties**

**Re: Net Metering Working Group
Board File No.: EB-2017-0200**

As set out in the OEB's May 25, 2017 [Letter](#) launching its Net Metering Consultation, the OEB is establishing a Net Metering Working Group comprised of stakeholder members selected by the OEB. The purpose of the working group, as set out in the letter, is to provide OEB staff with technical information on the issues identified in the letter.

The OEB has selected a number of distributors and industry associations to be part of the Net Metering Working Group based on knowledge and experience with net metering. The distributors selected have significant numbers of net metered customers and relatively lengthy experience with net metering. The two industry associations selected have members that are experienced in providing services and equipment to net metered customers.

The following individuals have been invited to participate as members of the Net Metering Working Group:

Jim Patterson, Network Metering, Alectra Utilities;

Fidel Reijerse, RESCO Energy Inc. (with an alternate of Azeem Qureshi, Grasshopper Solar Corp.), Canadian Solar Industries Association;

William Cheng, Transmission & Distribution Settlement, Hydro One Networks Inc.;

Margaret Battista, Information Technology Services & Billing, Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.;

Jeremy De Sota, Ethoenergy, Ontario Sustainable Energy Association;

Gary Thompson, Engineering, Generation Planning & System Studies, Toronto Hydro-Electric System Ltd.; and

Alyson Conrad, Regulatory Affairs, Waterloo North Hydro Inc.

In addition, representatives from the Independent Electricity System Operator and the Ministry of Energy will attend working group meetings as observers.

Cost Awards

The OEB has determined that cost awards will be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to their participation in the Net Metering Working Group. The costs to be awarded will be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors based on their customer numbers.

Attachment A contains further details regarding cost awards for participation in the Net Metering Working Group, including in relation to eligibility requests and objections, and eligible activities. In order to facilitate a timely decision on cost eligibility, the deadlines for filing cost eligibility requests and objections will be strictly enforced.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Attachment – Appendix A: Cost Awards Information

Appendix A

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COST AWARDS

Cost Award Eligibility

The OEB will determine eligibility for costs in accordance with its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. Any person intending to request an award of costs must file with the OEB a written submission to that effect by **June 21, 2017** identifying the grounds on which the person believes that it is eligible for an award of costs (addressing the OEB's cost eligibility criteria as set out in section 3 of the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*). All requests for cost eligibility will be posted on the OEB's website.

If an electricity distributor has any objections to any of the requests for cost eligibility, such objections must be filed with the OEB by **July 4, 2017**. Any objections will be posted on the OEB's website. The OEB will then make a final determination on the cost eligibility of the requesting participants.

Cost Eligible Activities and Hours

Net Metering Working Group (preparation/attendance/reporting): actual meeting time plus 1 hour per eligible party (i.e., the OEB will only provide cost awards for one attendee per meeting).

Cost Awards

When determining the amount of the cost awards, the OEB will apply the principles set out in sections 5 and 6 of its [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#). The maximum hourly rates set out in the OEB's Cost Awards Tariff will also be applied. The OEB expects that groups representing the same interests or class of persons will make every effort to communicate and co-ordinate their participation in this process.

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 Rules, Codes, Guidelines and Forms](#) webpage.

Filing Material with the OEB

The OEB requests that interested 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 www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca and also file three paper copies at the address below. You will need a user ID to make filings through the OEB's web portal. If you do not have a user ID, visit the "[e-filings services](#)" webpage on the OEB's website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca and fill out a user ID password request.

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All filings to the OEB must be received by the Board Secretary by **4:45 p.m.** on the required date. Filings must quote file number **EB-2017-0200** and include your name, address, telephone number and, where available, your e-mail address and fax number. All filings received by the OEB in relation to Net Metering Working Group will be available for viewing at the OEB's offices and will be placed on the OEB's website.