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December 7, 2018

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
Toronto, ON

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2017-0129 Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans  
Cost Awards – Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition (VECC)**

We have recently become aware of the Board issuance of a Notice of Hearing Cost Award on November 21, 2018 in the above noted proceeding. Five parties were listed as eligible for cost awards. While participating in this proceeding VECC was not listed as being eligible for costs. Nor were we served with the Notice which contemplates costs claims being filed December 5, 2018. The reasons for our exclusion were not explained.

VECC made submission in respect to this proceeding which were received by the Board on June 1, 2018. While we did not make a formal request for costs prior to the submission we note that the letter of April 12, 2018 was not entirely clear that preregistration for costs for parties not involved in the Technical Working Group was required. Our submission did request costs.

While our costs are modest for this proceeding (the Board established a 10 hour cap) we believe we have acted responsibly and in accordance with our understanding of the Board's instructions. We are therefore seeking modification of the Board's Cost Award to recover out costs in this proceeding.

Yours truly,

*Original signed*

John Lawford  
Counsel for VECC