



EB-2007-0722

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*,
1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost award eligibility for
interested parties in relation to a consultation process
regarding issues associated with the provision of service
by electricity distributors and the manner in which
electricity distributors apply certain charges.

BEFORE: Paul Sommerville
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Board Member

Ken Quesnelle
Board Member

DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

Background

On March 6 2008, the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) released for comment a staff Discussion Paper addressing the following issues associated with the provision of service by electricity distributors: customer service, customer rate classification, and the management of customer non-payment risk.

As indicated in the Board’s letter of September 6, 2007 initiating this consultation, eligible participants will be eligible for cost awards in relation to their participation in

this consultation process and costs awarded will be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors.

On May 7, 2008, the Board received a request from Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”) for cost eligibility in relation to future stages of this consultation process.

Electricity distributors were given an opportunity to file any objections they might have in relation to the eligibility of the above-noted participants for an award of costs. The Board did not receive any objections from distributors.

Based on the criteria set out in section 3 of the Board’s *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (the “*Practice Direction*”), the Board has determined that CME is eligible for an award of costs in this process in relation to future stages of this consultation process.

DATED at Toronto, July 24, 2008.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Presiding Member

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