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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Re: Consultation on Energy Issue Relating to Low Income Consumers

Board File No.: EB-2008-0150

Dear Ms. Walli:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) to indicate to you our association's interest in participating in the aforementioned consultation.

Mr. Rick Williams, Commissioner of Community Services for the District of Muskoka and a former OMSSA President, will be our representative at the stakeholder conference.

Our association also wishes to request consideration for cost eligibility. Our association is a nonprofit organization representing social and community services staff at the municipal level in Ontario who plan, manage and deliver human services across Ontario. As such, our members have a fundamental interest in promoting and advocating for supports and benefits for low income people to ensure that they, like all Ontarians, can contribute in a meaningful way to our economy and our society. We are therefore of the opinion that we can contribute to the Board's understanding of the economic circumstances currently facing low income Ontarians and the impact that increases in basic living expenses can have upon the ability of low income Ontarians to escape poverty.

We look forward to receiving further information from you regarding this important consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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	Board Secretary, Ontario Energy Board
FROM:	Tom Boreskie DATE: July 25, 2008
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