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Re: Information request regarding EB-2008-0150

Dear Ms. Cazalet,

This is in reply to your e-mail dated September 26, 2008 where you identify that during the meetings held from September 22 to 25, 2008 as part of the Board's Consultation on Energy Issues Relating to Low Income Consumers (EB-2008-0150), a number of information requests were made by members of the Board, Board staff, and participants. In order to better inform consideration of this issue by the Board and participants, you request that Enersource Hydro Mississauga ("Enersource") provide the following information:

Winter Warmth Program

- 1) How much each utility is spending on the Winter Warmth Program.
- 2) Number of applicants per year
- 3) The average grant per applicant
- 4) The amount of money needed to meet the demand

Responses:

- 1) Enersource has spent \$35,000 annually for the 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 Winter Warmth Program and has budgeted to spend \$50,000 for 2008/2009.
- 2) Enersource does not administer this program. According to the United Way Winter Warmth Program Administrator the actual number of applicants assisted for the period January 1, 2008 to April 30, 2008 was 84.
- 3) The average grant per applicant for the period January 1, 2008 to April 30, 2008 was approximately $\$35,000 \times 85\% = \$29,750 / 84 = \$354.17$. The maximum for this program is \$450 per applicant. (Please note that there is a 15% administration cost).
- 4) Enersource does not administer this program. According to the United Way Winter Warmth Program Administrator, the amount of money required is difficult to determine, however it is understood that there is a definite need for increased funding. Currently, the United Way Winter Warmth Program within Mississauga operates on the amount of funding that Enersource donates to the program. Once this amount is consumed, they close down the Winter Warmth Program where all remaining applicants that have not received a grant are referred to other available Peel Region programs. Enersource Hydro Mississauga has increased its budget for the 2008/2009 program to \$50,000 to assist in meeting the increased demand for this Program.

I anticipate that the information provided above addresses all your questions, however should you require any further clarifications, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you,

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