



**EB-2008-0346**

**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 a consultation process regarding the  
development of guidelines for demand side management  
to be used by natural gas distributors.

**BEFORE:**

Cynthia Chaplin  
Board Member

Paul Sommerville  
Board Member

**DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY**

On October 31, 2006 the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) issued a letter to all rate-regulated natural gas distributors and other interested parties giving notice of the process that the Board intends to use in relation to the development of guidelines for demand side management (“DSM”) to be used by natural gas distributors in developing their next generation DSM plans. That letter also notified interested parties that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to their participation in this consultation, and that any costs awarded would be recovered from rate-regulated natural gas distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

Sixteen interested parties have indicated their interest in participating in this process. A list of all registered participants in this process is attached as Appendix A. The Board has also received requests for cost eligibility from the following:

- Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters
- Consumers Council of Canada
- Energy Probe
- Green Energy Coalition
- Industrial Gas Users Association
- London Property Management Association
- Low-Income Energy Network
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

Natural gas 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 Board has determined that each of the above-noted participants is eligible for awards of costs in this process. The Board expects that those participants will make every effort to communicate and co-ordinate their participation in this process to the extent that they represent similar interests.

**ISSUED** at Toronto, November 28, 2008  
**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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Board Member

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## APPENDIX A

### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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