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July 3, 2013

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors  
Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters  
Green Energy Coalition and ecoPerth  
Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce  
Pollution Probe  
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition**

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards  
Policy Review of Micro-Embedded Generation Connection Issues  
Board File Number: EB-2012-0246**

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### **Background**

On May 15, 2012 the Ontario Energy Board issued a [letter](#) initiating a consultation process to improve the connection process for micro-embedded generation.

The Board indicated 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 the consultation activities described above, and that costs to be awarded would be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

In accordance with the [Decision on Cost Eligibility](#) issued by the Board on July 27, 2012, the following stakeholders (collectively, the “Eligible Participants”) have been determined to be eligible for an award of costs in relation to this consultation:

- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters;
- Green Energy Coalition and ecoPerth;
- Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce;
- Pollution Probe; and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition.

The activity for which cost awards are available in this consultation is the provision of written comments on the December 20, 2012 [Board Staff Discussion Paper](#) (the "Discussion Paper") as set out in the [letter](#) accompanying the Discussion Paper, up to a **maximum of 20 hours**.

### **Notice of Hearing**

The Board is initiating this hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that will be made in accordance with section 30 of the Act in relation to eligible consultation activities. The file number for this hearing is **EB-2012-0246**.

The Board intends to proceed by way of written hearing unless a party can satisfy the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If a party wants to object to a written hearing, the objection must be received by the Board no later than **7 days** after the date of this Notice.

Assuming that the Board does not receive any objections to a written hearing, the hearing will follow the process set out below.

1. Eligible Participants shall submit their cost claims by **July 18, 2013**. The cost claim must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on each licensed electricity distributor. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.
2. Electricity distributors will have until **July 29, 2013** to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. The objection must be filed with the Board and one copy must be served on the Eligible Participant against whose claim the objection is being made.
3. An Eligible Participant whose cost claim was objected to will have until **August 9, 2013** to make a reply submission as to why its cost claim should be allowed. A copy of the reply submission must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on the objecting electricity distributor.
4. The Board will then issue its decision on cost awards. The Board's costs may also be addressed in the cost awards decision.

Parties must file two paper copies and one electronic copy of their filings with the Board Secretary by **4:45 pm** on the required dates. The Board requests that parties make every effort to provide electronic copies of their filings in searchable / unrestricted Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format, and to submit their filings through the Board's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. A user ID is required to submit documents through the Board's web portal. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-filings services" webpage on the Board's website at [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca), and fill out a user ID password request. Additionally, parties are requested to follow the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the document entitled "RESS Document Preparation – A Quick Guide" also found on the e-filing services webpage. If the Board's web portal is not available, electronic copies of filings may be filed by e-mail at [boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca). Persons that do not have internet access should provide a CD containing their filing in PDF format.

All filings must quote file **EB-2012-0246** and include your name, address telephone number and, where available, your e-mail address and fax number.

All filings in this hearing (i.e., cost claims, objections, or replies), will form part of the public record. Copies of the filings will be available for inspection at the Board's office during normal business hours and the filings may be placed on the Board's website.

If the filing is from a private citizen (i.e., not a lawyer representing a client, not a consultant representing a client or organization, not an individual in an organization that represents the interests of consumers or other groups, and not an individual from a regulated entity), before making the filing available for viewing at the Board's offices or placing the filing on the Board's website, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the filing (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the filing may be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

**If you do not file a letter objecting to a written hearing or do not participate in the hearing by filing written materials in accordance with this Notice, the Board may proceed without your participation and you will not be entitled to further notice in this proceeding.**

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary