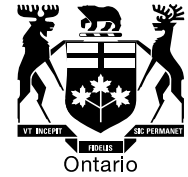


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October 3, 2005

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors and participants in the Cost Allocation Review (EB-2005-0317)**

**Re: Stakeholder Cost Awards**

The Board has considered the requests for funding stakeholder participation in the Cost Allocation Review process. The following are the Board's findings on eligibility for a cost award.

Nine stakeholder groups made a request for funding before the filing deadline of July 11, 2005:

Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario  
Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters  
Consumers Council of Canada  
Energy Probe Research Foundation  
Green Energy Coalition  
London Property Management Association  
Low Income Energy Network  
School Energy Coalition  
Vulnerable Energy Consumers' Coalition

Having reviewed the materials filed, the Board finds that each of these stakeholders represents a consumer interest, a public interest relevant to the Board's mandate, or both. There is some overlap in the constituencies or interests represented by several of these stakeholder groups. The Board recognizes, however, that allocation of electricity distributor costs is a very significant issue for consumers, and therefore finds each of these stakeholders to be eligible for funding. The Board expects that funded stakeholders with similar constituencies or mandates will combine their participation to reduce duplication and the costs of this process.

A funding request from the Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area was submitted July 29, 2005, considerably past the filing deadline of July

11, 2005. Although the Board recognizes that some flexibility may be appropriate in accepting materials filed past a deadline, this discretion is generally exercised only for materials arriving shortly after the prescribed deadline. In this case, the request was received more than 20 days after the deadline, and subsequent to the Board's letter of July 20, 2005, which invited electricity distributors to object to any of the requests for funding. The Board finds that in this case, it will not accept the late filing of the request by the Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area, and will therefore not grant eligibility to the Association.

Funded participants should submit their cost claims for phases one and two of the Review upon the completion of phase two. The Board reminds funded stakeholder groups of the expected time for participation in each phase of the Review that was detailed in Appendix B to the Board's letter of June 24, 2005 to all stakeholders. Requests for funding in excess of the time specified in that letter will require very persuasive evidence of the necessity for additional time.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Zych". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Zych".

John Zych,  
Board Secretary