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Subject: re: September 10th OEB consultation on proposed regulated price plan

Mary and Judy, I will not be able to participate in this consultation. Theresa

On Thursday, September 02, 2004 12:28 PM, Mary Todorow (ACTO) wrote:
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>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2004 12:28:47 -0400
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>To: "Theresa McClenaghan (CELA)" <mcclenat@lao.on.ca>,
>Subject: September 10th OEB consultation on proposed regulated price plan
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>Theresa: ACTO will participate in this consultation both on its own and
>also wearing the LIEN hate, and Judy will take part, but she wants to
>know if you are planning to come along on behalf of CELA. Are you
>swamped, or can you do it?
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>Sent: Friday, August 27, 2004 4:23 PM
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>residential and other customers
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>Hi everyone,
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>The OEB has embarked on another consultation. Suggest LIEN, through one
>of the lead groups, participate in these consultations since the price
>set will have a direct bearing on low income households. The good news
>is that if we are lucky, we will be able to take an active role on one
>of the relevant task groups the OEB will be setting up (no info on what
>these will be) and we will be able to obtain some Board funding for our
>efforts. Below I provide the link to the Board letter to stakeholders
>which I am guessing none of us received directly.
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>I am happy to help out with this. Is anyone interested in being the
>lead group? Please advise asap. thanks.
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>Judy
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>http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca/documents/rpp_letter_230804.pdf

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Subject: LIEN Detailed proposal on research component of project
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From: JSimon@indeco.com
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Mary,

Per your request and on behalf of the project proponents ACTO, CELA, ISAC and TEA, I am pleased to submit the attached for your distribution and review. It is our detailed proposal on the research component of the Low Income DSM Programs for Toronto for Fall 2004 .The proposal contains an update on our consultations with Toronto Hydro in seeking their financial support.

Please contact me if you have further questions or comments. Many thanks for giving us the opportunity to provide you and the Grants Committee with more detail on our work.

Judy

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Low Income DSM Programs for Toronto for Fall 2004
Detailed Workplan for Research Component

Proposal to Toronto Atmospheric Fund

Submitted by:

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Toronto Environmental Alliance

May 06, 2004

Low Income DSM Programs for Toronto for Fall 2004
Detailed Workplan for Research Component

Our Project – Research Component

The research component of the project, as described in the main body of our proposal to TAF, is comprised of two main components:

- Sponsoring research on the design of, and delivery options for, a comprehensive set of low income energy programs. This will include the development of a set of ready to implement low income DSM programs that Toronto Hydro can implement in the fall of 2004.

- Preparing and submitting a report, endorsed by LIEN members, to Toronto Hydro and to the Ministers of Energy and Community and Social Services on a set of ready to implement DSM programs for Toronto Hydro for the fall of 2004. These programs could be used by other LDCs across Ontario. LIEN will ensure that the report is broadly distributed to other interested parties such as other local utilities, social housing providers, and municipal governments.

These two components represent the first phase of our project and for which we are seeking funding from TAF now. A subsequent phase we hope to complete will involve developing a set of ready to implement DSM programs for Toronto Hydro to implement for the 2005-2006 heating season.

The target group for the first phase of our work, this project, is low income householders (tenants or home-owners) who pay their energy bills directly. We are targeting this group because they face the most immediate challenge. They will see the rise in electricity prices on their May 2004 electricity bill. Tenants who pay their electricity bills in their rent will not be impacted by the April 1, 2004 rate hike for another 12-18 months because of the regulations governing rent increases. These regulations reveal that the increased energy costs cannot be passed on immediately. The increases are based on a three year rolling average, and as a result most landlords will have to wait 12-18 months until they can raise the rent by the maximum amount. We intend to target this second group of low income householders in the second phase of our work. However, both groups will benefit from any improvements achieved through the work we hope to undertake in this project.

Workplan

The workplan for the research component will be overseen by the steering committee of our project. The work will be conducted by IndEco Strategic Consulting Inc[1]. The workplan consists of five main elements:

- Review the new rules for electricity DSM and identify the implications for program design

[1] Steering committee members will also conduct interviews during the consultation part of the workplan.

- Consult with potential delivery agents of low income electricity DSM programs in Toronto
- Conduct a brief literature review of low income electricity DSM programs in other jurisdictions
- Prepare a draft report containing recommendations on programs for broad review
- Finalize the report and submit it to TAF, Toronto Hydro and the Ministers of Energy and Community and Social Services and conduct follow up communications work.

Each component is described below.

Review the new rules for electricity DSM

In May-June 2004 the Minister of Energy will release draft legislation on the new electricity framework for Ontario. It will describe in broad strokes the roles and mandate of the new Ontario Power Authority and Conservation Secretariat. The Minister will also issue a directive to the OEB on the removal of barriers to electricity DSM for Local Distribution Companies (LDCs) such as Toronto Hydro and what constitutes prudent electricity DSM expenditures.

We will need to review these new rules to identify potential opportunities and barriers to DSM program design and delivery. We will need to take into account these matters in the development of principles and design criteria for the DSM programs.

Together, these new rules will provide detailed guidance and reduce the risk for Toronto Hydro to pursue DSM in the intervening period between June 2004 and March 2005 until Toronto Hydro's new electricity rates are approved.[2] However, sufficient risk remains for Toronto Hydro and as a result, the utility is only willing to consider being one of many small funding partners for this project.[3]

Consult with potential delivery agents of electricity DSM

Consultation is a major component of our research effort. Since one of our goals is to achieve consensus with as many members of LIEN as possible (within the budget constraints) on the recommendations for low income electricity DSM programs that Toronto Hydro can implement this fall, it is critical to canvas, consult with and interview LIEN members in advance of the preparation of our draft report. Morever, there are non-LIEN organizations that are actively involved in the delivery of DSM (eg. Clean Air Foundation and Clean Air Partnership) in Toronto that should be consulted as well to provide input to the development of the draft recommendations.

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[2] The new electricity rates will embed DSM expenditures for 2005 within them. Between now and March 2005, Toronto Hydro will need to provide its own funds to carry out DSM, but will be able to recover all prudent expenditures on DSM in March 2005 per the Minister's directive, as tracked by Toronto Hydro in a variance account. The government's rules will significantly reduce the risk to Toronto Hydro in making DSM expenditures in the intervening period.

[3] Meeting on May 3, 2004 with Connie Turner and staff of Toronto Hydro and Mary Todorow (ACTO) Keith Stewart (TEA) and Judy Simon (IndEco) to discuss Toronto Hydro as a potential funding partner. Ms Turner indicated that Toronto Hydro would try to form a group of funders (e.g. Hydro One, Enbridge) of this project to fund a portion of the work. The full amount requested from TAF will still be required.

The consultation work will involve the following:

- Design and implement an email survey of LIEN members (approximately 30 members) on their existing low income programs and opportunities for delivery of electricity DSM
- Identify and describe existing electricity DSM programs delivered by non-LIEN members in Toronto and/or in the GTA area
- Consult with Enbridge Gas Distribution on their work being done this spring and summer in developing low income programs for their customers
- Conduct telephone interviews with the most promising program delivery agents. IndEco will conduct 5 to 10 45 minute interviews. Release time is being requested for Steering Committee members to conduct additional interviews (1.5 days for 2 organizations @$400/day)
- Ongoing liaison with Toronto Hydro will be maintained to keep the utility abreast of our work and findings.

Conduct a literature review of electricity DSM programs in other jurisdictions

Other jurisdictions, particularly those in the United States, have had both gas and electricity DSM programs for low income households for several years. We will conduct a brief literature review which builds on the literature review already conducted in previous work, this time focusing on program design and implementation strategies.

Prepare a draft report for review

Based on the preceding work, we will prepare a draft report for review by LIEN members at the workshop in early September and others who have participated in the consultation process. The draft report will contain a set of principles and design criteria for program design and delivery as well as a set of recommended low income DSM programs that Toronto Hydro can implement in the fall of 2004.

The recommended programs will piggyback onto, to the extent possible, existing DSM programs that are either in a ready to implement format or can be modified easily for a fall roll-out in Toronto. The delivery agents are likely to be those already experienced in delivery or those with extensive knowledge of the specific segment of the low income community being targeted in the particular program.

Prepare the final report and submit to TAF

Based on the feedback on the draft report including the feedback from the September workshop, we will revise and finalize the report. The report will contain:

- a set of principles and design criteria for the design and delivery of ready to implement DSM programs for Toronto Hydro for the fall of 2004
- a set of ready to implement DSM programs for Toronto Hydro for the fall of 2004 agreed to by as many LIEN members as possible within the budget constraints

The final report will be submitted to TAF, Toronto Hydro, and the Ministers of Energy and Community and Social Services. The steering committee will make the report available to other interested parties including LIEN members and non-LIEN members consulted in the development of the report as well as other local utilities, social housing providers and municipal governments.

Once the final report is completed and made available, we will conduct appropriate follow up (a meeting with a presentation) with Toronto Hydro and the Ministers of Energy and Community and Social Services to promote the understanding and implementation of the recommendations.

Budget and Timeline

Budget Item	Amount	Timeline
Review the new rules for electricity DSM	$2,000	June 2004
Consult with potential delivery agents of electricity DSM	$10, 000	June – Aug. 2004
Conduct a literature review of electricity DSM in other jurisdictions	$2,700	June - Aug. 2004
Prepare a draft report for review	$10,000	August 25, 2004
Prepare the final report and conduct follow up	$6,000	Sept. 30 report Oct. follow-up
Expenses (telephone, photocopying, admin support)	$500	
Total budget (excluding GST)	**$31,200**	

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Subject: Re: Previous work for CELA and TEA
Sensitivity:
From: JSimon@indeco.com
Date: Thu, 6 May 2004 09:38:50 -0400

Keith,

Just wanted to bring to your attention that IndEco has made a very large contribution in kind to the preparation of the TEA report as well as the first CELA report. The budget for the first CELA report was $4000 and it cost IndEco $30,000 to prepare. The TEA report budget was $5000, and it cost IndEco $35,000 to prepare. In both cases we expected to make a large contribution in kind and were happy to do so. In the case of future work, we will still be making a contribution in kind, but we cannot sustain the levels of the previous work.

I am working on the detailed work plan for the research component for the TAF proposal and will have something to Mary Pickering later today. You can see from the above budgets that the work in preparing the report on low income DSM program for 2004-2005 will be significantly more expensive than the $30 k we budgeted for. The reasons are primarily related to larger amount of feedback and comment we expect to get from the steering committee and LIEN members, necessitating revision to the draft report. We will have to be very careful to place reasonable limits on this. In addition, there will need to be liaison with Toronto Hydro, Ministers of Energy (we could do this) and Community and Social Services offices (perhaps steering committee do COMSoc), the need to do a broader review of existing programs in Toronto and in Ontario to see what Toronto Hydro could piggyback onto easily (directly and with modification), need to review expected directive and draft energy legislation due in May-June to see opportunities and barriers to take into account in program design and implementation etc.

Will try to capture the above in the work plan so that Mary Pickering will be able to see that substantial work will be required to complete the research. Will also be needed to address Toronto Hydro request for detailed plan for research work.

Hope this is useful.

Judy

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Subject: Re: Meeting with Toronto Hydro May 3rd - material to send in advance for review
From: JSimon@indeco.com
Date: Tue, 27 Apr 2004 20:51:21 -0400

Hi Everyone,

Here is a shortened and slightly updated (based on Minister of Energy's announcements yesterday) of our proposal to TEA with the budget deleted and references to our views on Toronto Hydro's proactivity deleted. Budget is deleted as one of the purposes of Monday's meeting is to develop a work plan that suits us as well as Toronto Hydro. Based on that agreed upon work plan, we would prepare a budget that matches the level of effort required.

Please review. I would like to send the material to Connie on Wednesday. Thanks!

I happened to meet Connie a couple of times on Monday and Tuesday at the OEA conference I attended. We will be meeting with her and her colleague who is actually managing the Toronto Hydro pilots, Catherine Perry. They both seem very nice and approachable and are looking forward to meeting with us.

Judy

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Theresa - Ken spoke with you about whether there are any budget figures that you and LIEN are using in your demands/areas for improvement. I understand that LIEN has developed some specific proposals that would be useful if adopted. The Ontario Alternative Budget working group is working on our 2004 budget and would love to be able to include some of this material. Our timelines are running a little short. We have a meeting on Monday, April 26th to look at expenditures/investments for major program areas. We are planning on releasing the OAB on May 10. If there is anything you can forward to us as soon as possible we would really appreciate it.

Thanks

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From: Judy Simon <JSimon@indeco.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Apr 2004 12:24:26 -0400

Hi Everyone,

Here is a suggestion for how to approach funding for the rebate work when you meet with Energy and ComSoc. Suggest we refer to the TEA report and the rebate recommendation and ask about the status. Are the Ministries developing the implementation strategy? Do they need our assistance with that? Do they need help in developing and delivering communications/community/group outreach to get the word out to low income households and local community social agencies on the rebate?

We can indicate that the funding we are currently requesting from them does not address the rebate. It only deals with the DSM program recommendations. If they need our assistance on the rebate, try to explore what they might need from us, and whether they would entertain a proposal from us on how to undertake the work they would like us to do. If all this is positive, determine timing for proposal and sense of level of funds that could be available.

Hope this helps. Would be pleased to discuss further.

Judy

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Dear All,

From today's Star on electricity.

Mark.

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As Premier Dalton McGuinty tells it, the provincial Liberal government is turning around the very culture of Ontario when it comes to electricity.

"I am talking about nothing less than creating a profound shift in the culture of this province," McGuinty said in the Legislature this week. "About moving from a culture of inefficiency to a culture of innovation. About moving from a culture of waste to a culture of conservation."

But if that is what the Liberals seek, their approach is awfully timid.

The conservation program announced by McGuinty leans heavily on exhortation. McGuinty is pleading with us to take showers instead of baths, to turn down the thermostat on the water heater when we are away, to set the fridge at "cool" instead of "almost frozen," and to remember to clean the coils on the back of the fridge every once in a while.

The most concrete aspect of his program is a proposal to install "smart meters" in everyone's home.

These are meters that record not only the amount of electricity that is consumed but also the time of day in which it is used. With a new "flexible pricing" system to be introduced by this time next year, householders could then get a break on their hydro bills by using appliances like dishwashers in off-peak hours (from 10 p.m. onward) rather than in the middle of the day.

This is not a new idea. Steve Gilchrist, commissioner of alternative energy in the previous government, was talking up smart meters as a partial solution to Ontario's electric woes more than a year ago.

One might well ask why the Conservative government of the day, under then-premier Ernie Eves, never adopted Gilchrist's proposal before last fall's election, but that's grist for another column.

Just because the idea is old does not make it bad, however. The real question is: Will it work?

The government's goal is to cut electricity demand by 5 per cent - or 1,350 megawatts of power - by the end of 2007. To help achieve this goal, it wants to install smart meters in some 800,000 homes.

At an estimated cost of $400 a meter, that's an expenditure of $320 million, to be borne by homeowners. The government is hoping to bring that price down to $100 through volume discounts.

Even so, installation in 800,000 homes seems an ambitious target to achieve in less than four years. Just getting the manufacturers to gear up to produce that many smart meters will be a challenge.

And even if the target is achieved, there is a question about how much electricity will be saved by using smart meters.

"California thought that by bringing in smart meters they could save 500 megawatts," said NDP Leader Howard Hampton in his response to McGuinty in the Legislature. "In fact, they were only able to reduce electricity consumption by 31 megawatts. The reason is that people can't turn off the fridge (in off-peak hours) ... If you turn off the refrigerator, you can't eat the food. Similarly, if you have an electric water heater, you can't turn it off."

Hampton said the government should be devoting more effort - and monetary incentives - to encouraging people to buy energy-efficient fridges, water heaters, air conditioners and other appliances.

Similar arguments have been made by environmental groups like the Pembina Institute and the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA).

A study jointly funded by these two organizations and released last week suggests the province could cut electricity demand by almost half - about 12,000 megawatts - by pursuing an aggressive program of energy efficiency, fuel switching (from electricity to natural gas) and "cogeneration" (production of electricity as a byproduct by industrial users such as pulp and paper plants).

Such a plan would cost $18 billion over 15 years, says the study.

That sounds like a staggering sum. It's more than the province spends in a year on education.

But the Pembina/CELA study says that, if the government chooses instead to increase supply by 12,000 megawatts by building new nuclear plants, the cost will be even higher - $32 billion.

A spokesperson for Energy Ministe· ·wight Duncan said yesterday he wa aware of the Pembina/CELA study and had met the authors a month ago. Asked whether the proposal is feasible, the spokesperson said the government was still undertaking an "in-depth analysis" of it.

At this point, however, the Liberals' conservation plan rests on pious lectures and smart meters.

In short, it looks more like a "public-relations scam" (Hampton's assessment) than a real plan.

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Theresa,

As indicated in my email from last night (and discussed with Keith this morning), we should not include the request for $ to do more work on the rebate in the TAF proposal. TAF is only interested in GHG savings - the rebate, while an energy issue, will not garner support at TAF.

We should however ask for funds from COMSOC and Energy to do so, if the government is not doing that work already (hopefully they are; it is a go and will be in the provincial budget in May. if we get funds, we can build the activity into the grand scheme work plan which will emerge when we see what other dollars we get.

Update: Keith and I chatted this am. I am adding Sarah's other comments to the draft, adding a table of contents and appendix (for duplication of TEA report, CELA submission and LIEN press release in the appendix) and adding references to the appendix in the main body. Keith will deal with finalizing and sending proposal to TEA. He is contacting Mary Pickering this am regarding whether we have to provide 8 copies of everything or just main body and whether we have to submit a letter of intent)(5 page summary of proposal pursuant to bus dev funding - 10k max) or whether the proposal will due for both).

Judy

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Dear Mr. Thorburn:

In my letter dated December 19, 2003, I conveyed the government's intention to permit local distribution companies (LDCs) to apply to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for the next instalment of their allowable return on equity beginning March 1, 2005. I also indicated that the OEB's approval in regard to the final instalment should be conditional on a financial commitment to reinvest an amount equal to one year's incremental returns in conservation and demand management initiatives.

A number of LDCs have indicated a desire and ability to begin making investments in such initiatives immediately. Recognizing that demand-side management is a critical means of ensuring a sustainable and reliable supply of electricity in Ontario, I am committed to facilitating these near-term investments. I am therefore writing to you pursuant to section 79.6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to allow you to proceed to the OEB with an application to establish a deferral account – in advance of your ability to recover such costs through the next installment of the allowable return on equity next March – within which to track expenditures on conservation and demand management initiatives.

With respect to short-term initiatives, I expect you to pursue a broad range of programs that support the more efficient use of electricity in Ontario, including those that were discontinued on the opening of the electricity market, to reduce customers' overall energy demand and/or demand for purchased energy.

In order to expedite short-term actions, I fully expect you to require some assurance with respect to conservation proposals that would be considered for the purposes of cost recovery. In this regard, without limiting the range of innovative proposals that may be brought forward, I believe that reasonable new expenditures on the planning, delivery and evaluation of the following specific measures should be supported by the Board:

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- energy efficiency;
- behavioural and operational changes, including the application of benchmarking or "smart" control systems;
- load management measures which facilitate interruptible and dispatchable loads, dual fuel applications, thermal storage, and demand response;
- measures to encourage fuel switching which reduces the total system energy for a given end-use;
- programs and initiatives targeted to low income and other hard to reach consumers; and
- distributed energy options behind a customer's meter such as tri-generation, co-generation, ground source heat pumps, solar, wind, and biomass systems.

Obviously, the prudence of actual expenditures in these areas will ultimately be determined by the OEB.

I believe that a number of opportunities exist for LDCs to lever incremental investments through partnerships with governments, such as Natural Resources Canada and the Canadian Federation of Municipalities, and with local community-based conservation agencies and authorities. I have therefore asked the Board to give priority to proposals that leverage, and thereby maximize, the financial investments of LDCs when using their next instalment of allowable return on equity.

Over the long-term, the specific nature of LDC initiatives, and related recovery issues, will be at the OEB's discretion. To ensure that the sustainable regulatory framework developed by the OEB is consistent with the government's overall policy objectives in this area, I will be providing the OEB with the government's policy objectives and direction with respect to "smart" metering very shortly. In addition, I would expect the framework to remove barriers to demand-side management, provide incentives to manage distribution systems more efficiently and ensure consumers benefit from reduced energy use. Conservation assets should be included in the rate base.

I appreciate your assistance in the promotion of a conservation culture in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Dwight Duncan
Minister

c: Howard Wetston, Chair, Ontario Energy Board

From: THERESAM (Theresa McCler han [CELA])
To: TRACY
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"DSM for low income consumers(Nov2003).pdf"
Re-Sent-By: THERESAM (Theresa McClenaghan [CELA]) ; on 14-May-2004 15:20

Tracy, please print attached for records. Theresa
Connie,

On behalf of Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario, Canadian Environmental Law Association, Income Security Advocacy Centre and Toronto Environmental Alliance, I am pleased to submit for your consideration our research proposal for work on developing low income DSM programs for Toronto Hydro for the fall of 2004. I have also attached the CELA report to the OEB on the need for LDC driven low income DSM programs and the TEA report to the Minister of Energy and the Minister of Community and Social Services on low income assistance and DSM programs.

We look forward to working with you and your team on this project.

Sincerely,

Judy

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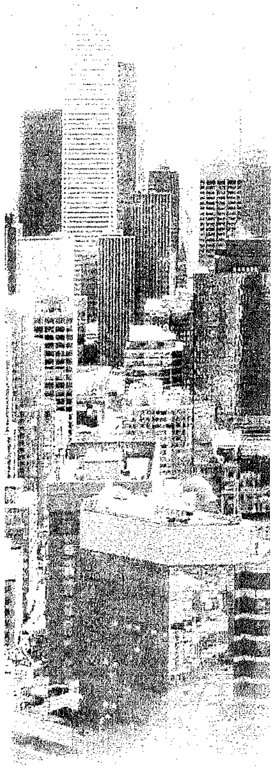

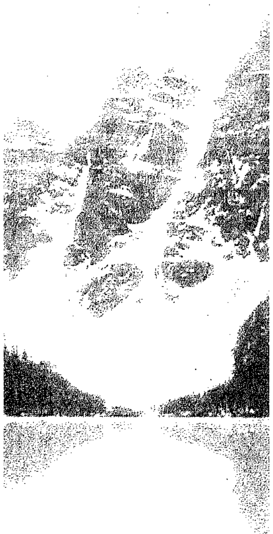

April 22, 2005

Paul Muldoon
Canadian Environmental Law Association
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Dear Paul,

Please find enclosed a copy of the affidavit to support LIEN's cost claim to the OEB for participating in the Regulated Price Plan (RPP) consultation. Please complete this affidavit and return to IndEco as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Judy

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FORM 3

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF COST CLAIM

RP-2004-0205
Board File Number

Low Income Energy Network
Party Name

Items Claimed excluding GST

Legal/Consultant Fees +	Disbursements =	Net Sub-Total
$ 20,806.80	$	$ 20,806.80

Goods and Services Tax

..... Full Registrant
..... Unregistered (GST at 7%)
..... Other ____________ GST at ________ %
..... Qualifying Non-Profit (GST at 3.5%)
..... Tax Exempt (no GST)

Total Cost Claim

Net Sub-Total +	Total GST Claimed =	Total Cost Claim
$ 20,806.80	$	$ 20,806.80

I, (name) PAUL MULDOON, of the (City, Town, etc.) CITY in the (County, Regional Municipality, etc.) of TORONTO, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

7. I am a representative of the above noted party (the "party") and as such have knowledge of the matters attested to herein.

8. I have examined the above Cost Claim and all of the documentation in support of it.

9. The above Cost Claim represents only costs incurred directly and necessarily by the Party for the purpose of its intervention in the Ontario Energy Board proceeding the file number which is set out above.

SWORN (OR AFFIRMED) BEFORE ME at the (City, Town, etc.) of TORONTO, in the (County, Regional Municipality, etc.) of ____________ on (date) APRIL 22, 2005

COMMISSIONER for taking Affidavits

Signature of Deponent

(February 12, 2003)