

July 19, 2007

Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
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Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Re: Distributed Generation: Rates and Connection Board File No.: EB-2007-0630

To: Board Secretary,

On July 13, 2007 the Canadian Solar Industries Association received the Ontario Energy Board email request for information in regards to rate and connection issues related to Distributed Generation. This request was in reference to OEB Board File No.: EB-2007-0630.

The Canadian Solar Industries Association (CanSIA) is the national trade association that represents the interests of companies, governments and individuals committed to solar energy. The Association works to strengthen the Canadian solar industry, increase the professionalism of companies, foster domestic and international markets, and promote the use of renewable energies.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform the Ontario Energy Board that CanSIA intends to participate in this consultation process and provide written comments on both the EESC Paper and the OEB Staff Discussion Paper by August 24, 2007.

CanSIA also wishes to participate in the Cost Award Eligibility (for 30 hours) as we are eligible per Section 3.03 (b) of the OEB's Practice Direction on Costs Awards, as we will be representing the interests of Ontario solar companies and organizations as well as individual citizen's of the Province of Ontario.

In regards to an explanation of other funding, CanSIA is a member driven association whereby we retain membership fees from various corporate, government, and non-government organizations, as well as individual citizens. CanSIA also has received Federal government funding for specific initiatives in the past while also receiving funds in relation to the organization of our annual Solar Conference and the sale of various solar training and information publications.

A list of experts and consultants with experience in solar energy issues related to electrical grid infrastructure whom CanSIA will be receiving services and advice from, however may not be limited to, include;

Leonard Allen – President and Founder of Solera – Sustainable Energies Company, who is an industry leader, providing sustainable energy products to clients in Canada and around the globe.

Per Drewes – The principle of Sol Source Engineering and has worked on solar projects with such clients as the CN Tower, Ontario Power Generation, Natural Resources Canada, University of Toronto, amongst others.

David Elzinga – Investment officer with Natural Resources Canada as well as representing Canada on the International Energy Agency (IEA) Task 10: Urban Scale Grid Connected PV Application

Paul Gipe – Renewable energy consultant and expert who has written many books and articles on renewable power. He is also the former acting Director of the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association and was instrumental in the engineering of Ontario's Renewable Energy Standard Offer Program

Bill Kemp – Former Chairman of the Electrical Safety Standards Committee with the Canadian Standards Association, he is now a renewable energy consultant and has published two related books as well as numerous articles on small scale power.

Rob McMonagle – Former Executive Director of the Canadian Solar Industries Association and now the Senior Energy Consultant for the City of Toronto

Richard Thorne – Eastern Canadian Business Development Manager for Carmanah Technologies which is Canada's largest solar company.

CanSIA thanks the OEB for this invitation and the opportunity to respond to the issue of Distributed Generation rates and connection. CanSIA will make our final comment submission on or before August 24, 2007. If OEB requires additional information in regards to our letter of intent or our Cost Awards Eligibility, please feel free to contact me at 1-866-522-6742 x223 or by email at emcdonald@cansia.ca.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth McDonald
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