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**TO: All Licensed Unit Sub-Meter Providers  
Participants in the Consultation on the Regulation of Unit Sub-Meter  
Providers**

**RE: Closure of Consultation on USMP Rates and Revocation of March 15, 2018  
Interim Order; Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards**

**OEB File No. EB-2017-0371**

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### **Closure of Consultation on USMP Rates and Revocation of March 15, 2018 Interim Order**

On April 3, 2019, amendments to the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) came into force removing the requirement for unit sub-meter providers to obtain approval from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for the rates they charge for providing unit sub-meter services.

As a result, the OEB has closed the consultation on approaches to USMP rate-making, which began on December 19, 2017 (EB-2017-0371). In addition, the OEB has revoked the March 15, 2018 [interim order](#) authorizing licensed USMPs to continue to apply, on an interim basis, the charges set out in any agreements with their customers, from April 1, 2018 until new charges were approved. The revocation order is attached.

## Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards

As part of the consultation on USMP rate regulation, by [letter](#) dated April 3, 2018, the OEB made costs available under section 30 of the OEB Act to certain consumer and industry stakeholders who were invited to meetings with OEB staff. The letter stated that costs would be available for participating in the meetings up to a maximum of eight hours for one representative per organization, and that costs would be recovered from all licensed USMPs based on customer numbers.

A number of consumer representative stakeholders participated in the meetings with OEB staff as follows:

Consumer Representative Stakeholders	Meeting Date
Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) Advocacy Centre for Toronto Ontario (ATCO) Consumers Council of Canada (CCC) Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC)	April 19, 2018
Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) Greater Toronto Apartment Association (GTAA)	May 7, 2018

The OEB is initiating a hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards for the eligible participants identified above.

The OEB will use the process set out below.

1. Eligible participants shall submit their cost claims by **May 13, 2019**. The cost claim must be filed with the OEB and one copy is to be served, by e-mail, on each licensed USMP. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

2. Licensed USMPs will have until **May 23, 2019** to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. The objection must be filed with the OEB and one copy must be served, by e-mail, on the eligible participant against whose claim the objection is being made.
3. The eligible participant whose cost claim was objected to will have until **June 3, 2019** to file with the OEB a reply submission as to why its cost claim should be allowed. One copy of the reply submission is to be served, by e-mail, on the objecting party.

The OEB will then issue its decision on cost awards. The OEB's costs will also be addressed in the cost awards decision.

If you do not participate in the hearing by filing written materials in accordance with this Notice, the OEB may proceed without your participation and you will not be entitled to further notice.

Please submit electronic copies of your filings in searchable/unrestricted Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/> and also file three paper copies at the address below. You will need a user ID to make filings through the OEB's web portal. If you do not have a user ID, visit the "[e-filings services](#)" webpage on the OEB's website at [www.oeb.ca](http://www.oeb.ca) and fill out a user ID password request.

Please use 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 OEB's web portal is not available, electronic copies of filings may be filed by e-mail to [boardsec@oeb.ca](mailto:boardsec@oeb.ca). If you do not have internet access, please provide a USB flash drive containing your filing in PDF format as described above to the Board Secretary at the following address:

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All filings to the OEB must be received by the Board Secretary by **4:45 p.m.** on the required date. Filings must quote file number **EB-2017-0371** and include your name, address, telephone number and, where available, your e-mail address and fax number.

All filings received by the OEB in relation to this consultation will be available for viewing at the OEB's offices and may be published on the OEB's website.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

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Attach