



Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto ON M4P 1E4
boardsec@oeb.ca

31 May, 2019

RE: Cost Application, Stakeholder Meeting Phase I (Post-2020 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Framework, EB-2019-0003)

Dear Kirsten Walli,

Efficiency Canada intends to apply for an award of costs in relation to its participation in the Phase I Stakeholder meeting for the Post-2020 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Framework (EB-2019-0003).

Eligibility for Costs

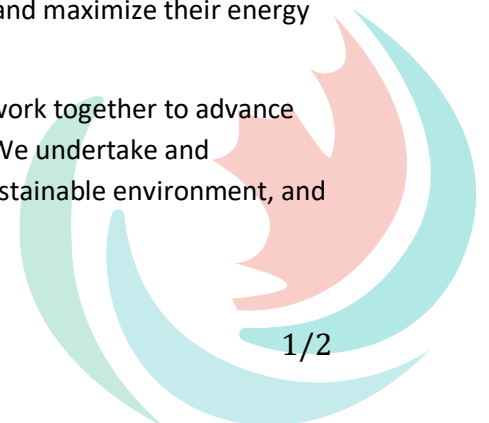
Efficiency Canada meets the eligibility requirements for costs reimbursements as laid out in section 3.03(b) in the Ontario Energy Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards (revised April 24, 2014). Efficiency Canada represents an interest and policy perspective relevant to the Board's mandate and to the proceeding for the Post-2020 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Framework (EB-2019-0003). Efficiency Canada's mission is to promote an energy efficient Canadian economy, which includes tracking energy efficiency plans across the country and participating where possible to ensure all energy efficiency potential is exploited. Ontario is an important jurisdiction that has recently committed to strong natural gas conservation ambitions through its provincial environment plan.

In representing an energy efficient economy, Efficiency Canada highlights a number of customer and societal benefits that might not otherwise be considered in this matter. In addition to environmental benefits, these include bill reductions, improved comfort and health, productivity, and economic development.

About Efficiency Canada

Efficiency Canada was launched in November 2018. It is based out of Carleton University, as part of the Carleton Sustainable Energy Research Centre. Its goal is to be the national voice for an energy efficient economy. Efficiency Canada advocates to make Canada a global leader in energy efficiency, this involves encouraging provinces to adopt best practices and maximize their energy efficiency potential.

Efficiency Canada convenes people from across Canada's economy to work together to advance policies required to take full advantage of energy efficiency potential. We undertake and communicate quality research to build a more productive economy, sustainable environment, and better life for Canadians.



Our work focuses on ensuring that energy efficiency remains a central part of Canada's transition to the low carbon economy.

Efficiency Canada does not have members and is not an industry association. Its constituency includes anyone who wants to build an energy efficient economy. We do have allies that support this mission, which can be found here: www.energycanada.org/our-allies/.

Efficiency Canada intends to liaise with other organizations participating in the Stakeholder Meeting to coordinate its comments to minimize overlap.

Other funding sources

Efficiency Canada is funded by the following charitable organizations:

- McConnell Foundation
- Donner Canadian Foundation
- Ivey Foundation
- Trottier Family Foundation

However, none of this funding is dedicated for participation in OEB proceedings.

Consultant representing Efficiency Canada

Kyra Bell-Pasht worked as a policy advisor to the Environmental Commissioner for over four years, specializing in energy efficiency and climate change mitigation and adaptation. She is an accredited lawyer, but she will be retained by Efficiency Canada for this matter in her capacity as an independent consultant. Her CV is attached.

Separate expert submissions

At this point, Efficiency Canada does not plan to retain any additional experts.

Sincerely,



Brendan Haley, PhD
Policy Director
Efficiency Canada

Enc.

- Kyra Bell-Pasht's CV

