



EB-2014-0189

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O.,
1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost award eligibility for interested
stakeholders in the consultation to develop distribution system
reliability standards.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Board Member

DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

August 19, 2014

On September 18, 2013, the Board issued a [letter](#) announcing the commencement of the electricity distribution reliability standards initiative. The objectives announced in the letter were to establish specific performance standards for the existing system reliability measures and to consider the development and implementation of new customer specific reliability measures and the monitoring of momentary outages.

On July 15, 2014, the Board posted a Board staff [Discussion Paper](#) related to this initiative. In the [cover letter](#) accompanying the release of the Discussion Paper, the Board indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to the provision of comments on the Discussion Paper to a maximum of 14 hours. The cover letter

also stated that costs awarded will be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

The Board received requests for cost eligibility from the following stakeholders:

- [Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario](#);
- [Building Owners and Managers Association](#);
- [Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters](#);
- [London Property Management Association](#); and
- [Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition](#).

Electricity distributors were given an opportunity to file any objections they might have in relation to the eligibility of the above-noted participants for an award of costs. The Board did not receive any objections from distributors.

Based on the criteria set out in section 3 of the Board's *Practice and Direction on Cost Awards*, the Board has determined that all of the above stakeholders are eligible for an award of costs. The Board expects that eligible stakeholders with similar interests will make reasonable efforts to coordinate their participation and to cooperate with other participants. The Board will consider any lack of coordination or cooperation when determining the amount of a cost award.

ISSUED at Toronto, August 19, 2014.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Board Secretary