



# Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

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## DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

EB-2015-0043

### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

cost award eligibility for interested parties and stakeholders  
participating in the consultation on commercial and industrial rate  
design

**BEFORE:** **Cathy Spoel**  
Presiding Member

**Christine Long**  
Member

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April 4, 2016

In its May 28, 2015 [Letter regarding consultation and cost eligibility](#), the OEB announced its intention to initiate development of new distribution rates for commercial and industrial customers. At the same time, the OEB invited parties to express interest in participating in the consultation process.

The letter stated that costs awarded will be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors apportioned amongst these entities on a pro-rata basis relative to their contributions to the OEB's annual cost assessment.

On March 14, 2015, the OEB received a late request for cost eligibility from the following:

- [Ontario Federation of Agriculture](#)

The OEB has accepted the request despite the late filing. Electricity distributors were given an opportunity to file any objection they might have in relation to the eligibility of the above-noted participant for an award of costs. The OEB did not receive any objections from electricity distributors.

Ontario Federation of Agriculture is acting as an association of customers of distribution services. The OEB finds, therefore, that under section 3.03(a) of the Practice Direction, Ontario Federation of Agriculture represents the direct interests of consumers in relation to services that are regulated by the Board.

The OEB has therefore determined that Ontario Federation of Agriculture is eligible for cost awards in relation to their participation in any future eligible activities in relation to the consultation.

The OEB reminds all participants that cost awards will be available in relation to participation in eligible activities. This cost eligibility decision will apply to any further eligible activities in this process. Eligible activities will be announced as the project progresses.

**DATED** at Toronto April 4, 2016

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*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary