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## **DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY**

**EB- 2018-0278**

**Activities and Program based Benchmarking Initiative**

**By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson**

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**March 15, 2019**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On February 25, 2019, the OEB issued a [letter](#) and [Staff Report to the Board](#). The OEB identified that cost awards would be available to eligible participants to a maximum of 12 hours for provision of comments and a maximum of 6 hours for preparation for and attendance at the stakeholder information session on March 5, 2019.

In the letter, the OEB identified that costs would be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors apportioned based on respective customer numbers.

The following parties have requested cost eligibility in relation to their participation in the consultation:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Building Owners and Managers Association
- Consumers Council of Canada
- London Property Management Association
- School Energy Coalition

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

This Decision and Order is being issued by the Delegated Authority without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (Act).

## OEB FINDINGS

The OEB has reviewed the requests for cost eligibility to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

The OEB has determined that the parties to this consultation that are eligible for cost awards are:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Building Owners and Managers Association
- Consumers Council of Canada
- London Property Management Association
- School Energy Coalition

Participants with similar viewpoints are requested to coordinate their activities in order to reduce costs. This effort will be taken into account during the decision on award of costs.

Other eligible activities may be announced as the project progresses. This cost eligibility decision will apply to any further eligible activities in this process.

**DATED** at Toronto March 15, 2019

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