

DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

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Consultation on Staff Research Paper on the Examination of Alternative Price Designs for the Recovery of Global Adjustment Costs from Class B Consumers in Ontario

By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson

March 21, 2019

On February 28, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a <u>letter</u> and a Staff Research Paper on the *Examination of Alternative Price Designs for the Recovery of Global Adjustment Costs from Class B Consumers in Ontario* (Research Paper). The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to eligible participants to a maximum of 12 hours for provision of comments on the Research Paper and a maximum of 6 hours in connection with the stakeholder meeting on March 21, 2019. The letter made provision for stakeholders to apply for eligibility and for electricity distributors to object. Applications for cost award eligibility were received from the following organizations:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

No objections were received in relation to any of these applications.

Based on the criteria set out in the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards,* the OEB has determined that all four applicants are eligible for cost awards.

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 21, 2019

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