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February 26, 2020

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Participants in EB-2016-0201**

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards related to stakeholder activity related to the OEB staff research paper *Examination of Alternative Price Designs for the Recovery of Global Adjustment Costs from Class B Consumers in Ontario*
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2016-0201**

Background

On February 28, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a staff research paper entitled [*Examination of Alternative Price Designs for the Recovery of Global Adjustment Costs from Class B Consumers in Ontario*](#) (Staff Paper) that describes analytical research evaluating a variety of generic global adjustment pricing options on the basis of economic efficiency and consumer bill impact. The [cover letter](#) for the Staff Paper made provision for the following cost eligible activities: preparation, attendance and reporting on the associated stakeholder meeting (to a maximum of 6 hours) and written comments on the Staff Paper (to a maximum of 12 hours).

The OEB has issued Decisions on March 21, 2019 and April 11, 2019, that determined the following participants in this consultation process were eligible for cost awards:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters
- London Property Management Association
- Quinte Manufacturers Association
- School Energy Coalition

In the cover letter to the Staff Paper, the OEB identified that costs would be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors.

Notice of Hearing

The OEB is initiating a hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards to participants in this consultation identified above that are eligible for costs. The decision on costs will be made by a delegated authority under section 6 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998. The hearing will follow the process set out below.

1. Eligible participants shall submit their cost claims by **March 11, 2020**. The cost claim must be filed with the OEB and one copy is to be served on each licensed electricity distributor. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Eligible participants must use the customized Cost Claim Form attached as Appendix A to this Notice.

2. Licensed electricity distributors will have until **March 23, 2020** to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. The objection must be filed with the OEB and one copy must be served on the eligible participant against whose claim the objection is being made.
3. The eligible participant whose cost claim was objected to will have until **March 30, 2020** to file a reply submission with the OEB as to why its cost claim should be allowed. One copy of the reply submission is to be served on the objecting party.
4. The OEB will then issue its decision on cost awards.

Service of cost claims, objections and reply submissions on other parties may be delivered by courier, registered mail, facsimile or e-mail.

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* to implement the payment of the cost awards. The OEB will therefore act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards in this process.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2016-0201**, be made in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format and sent electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and email address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <https://www.oeb.ca/industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have computer access are required to file two paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Dated at Toronto, **February 26, 2020**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Attachment: Appendix A

Appendix A

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Dated February 26, 2020

**Ontario Energy Board Cost Claim Consultations:
Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements**

The forms that eligible persons must complete are provided in a separate MS Excel Workbook named, [Cost Claim Form Consultation EB-2016-0201 2020-02-26](#)