

## DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY EB-2020-0297

Ontario Power Generation Inc.
2022-2026 Payment Amounts
Pre-Application Stakeholder Conference

By Delegation, Before: Theodore Antonopoulos

**December 15, 2020** 

## INTRODUCTION

On December 9, 2020, the OEB announced that it is a holding a pre-application stakeholder conference on December 17, 2020 to receive input on OEB staff's draft hearing plan for OPG's upcoming 2022-2026 payment amounts application.

Parties interested in participating in the pre-application stakeholder conference were asked to indicate their intent by filing a letter with the OEB by December 11, 2020. If OPG had any objections to the request for cost eligibility, such objections were to be filed with the OEB by December 14, 2020.

The following parties requested to participate in the pre-application stakeholder conference (\* denotes a request for cost eligibility):

- Alectra Utilities (Alectra)
- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)\*
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)\*
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)\*
- Electricity Distributors Association (EDA)
- Environmental Defence (ED)\*
- Grand Council Treaty #3 (Grand Council)
- Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One)
- Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
- Power Workers' Union (PWU)
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)\*
- SNC Lavalin Nuclear Inc. (SNC Lavalin)
- Society of United Professionals (SUP)
- Sussex Strategy Group (Sussex)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)\*

OPG did not file any objections with respect to the requests for cost eligibility.

This cost eligibility Decision is being issued by delegated authority under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998.

## **OEB FINDINGS**

All parties that filed letters of intent with the OEB will be sent the virtual meeting details for the pre-application stakeholder conference in a subsequent communication.

AMPCO, CME, CCC, ED, SEC and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>. Costs awards will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes for preparation and the actual meeting time (for each organization). In addition, parties should be aware that approval for cost eligibility for the pre-application stakeholder conference does not imply that cost eligibility will be granted for the actual hearing.

All parties granted cost eligibility shall file their cost claims with the OEB by **January 7**, **2021**. OPG shall file with the OEB and forward to parties any objections to claimed costs by **January 14**, **2021**. Parties shall file with the OEB and forward to OPG any reply to objections to the costs claims by **January 21**, **2021**. The OEB will issue a cost award decision after this process concludes.

**DATED** at Toronto, December 15, 2020

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