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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**EB-2020-0297**

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

**By Delegation Before: Theodore Antonopoulos**

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**January 26, 2021**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On December 9, 2020, the OEB announced that it is 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.

In the invitation letter, the OEB indicated that cost awards would be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes for preparation and the actual meeting time and would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act) to eligible participants for their participation in the OEB's stakeholder conference. Costs awarded will be recovered entirely from OPG.

On December 15, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision on Cost Eligibility and determined the following stakeholders to be eligible for an award of costs in relation to cost eligible activities:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Environmental Defence
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

By letter dated December 17, 2020, the OEB determined that Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) is also eligible for cost awards in the stakeholder conference.

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from OPG.

## OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed by AMPCO, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, SEC and VECC to ensure they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (the Practice Direction). The OEB finds that the cost claims are in accordance with the OEB's Decision on Cost Eligibility dated December 15, 2020. The OEB finds that each of these eligible participants is entitled to 100% of its

reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB approves cost awards for the eligible participants as follows:

• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$745.80
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$288.15
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$745.80
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$790.76
• Environmental Defence	\$606.25
• School Energy Coalition	\$519.80
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$771.75

### **Process for Paying the Cost Awards**

The amount payable by OPG in relation to the costs awarded to each eligible participant is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order.

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of the Practice Direction to implement the payment of the cost awards. Therefore, the OEB will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards relating to this consultation process. Invoices will be issued to OPG at the same time as the invoices for cost assessments are made under section 26 of the Act. The practice of the OEB is to issue to OPG one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by OPG for the relevant period. As a result, the invoice may cover cost awards payable in relation to a number of consultations, including this one.

### **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. OPG shall pay the amounts set out in Schedule A in relation to the costs awarded to each eligible participant.
2. OPG shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this consultation.
3. The payments referred to in paragraph 1 shall be made to the OEB in accordance with the invoice issued to OPG, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

**DATED** at Toronto January 26, 2021

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**By delegation, before: Theodore Antonopoulos**

*Original Signed By*

Theodore Antonopoulos  
Vice President  
Applications Division

**Schedule A**  
**OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards**  
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	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Energy Probe Research Foundation	Environmental Defence	School Energy Coalition	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Total
Ontario Power Generation Inc.	745.80	288.15	745.80	790.76	606.25	519.80	771.75	4,468.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>745.80</b>	<b>288.15</b>	<b>745.80</b>	<b>790.76</b>	<b>606.25</b>	<b>519.80</b>	<b>771.75</b>	<b>4,468.31</b>