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DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

EB-2018-0278

Activities and Program based Benchmarking Initiative

By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson

April 28, 2021

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On March 30, 2021 the OEB issued a letter regarding an update on the APB initiative that included the benchmarking results for select programs. The OEB identified that cost awards would be available to eligible participants to a maximum of 10 hours for preparing for the meeting as well as attendance at a stakeholder meeting on May 6, 2021.

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 at the consultation:

- Pollution Probe
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers 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 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 by Pollution Probe and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition for cost eligibility to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. The OEB has determined that both parties are eligible for cost awards in this initiative.

The OEB has also determined that the following parties that participated in the earlier phases of this initiative are eligible for cost awards:

- 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.

This cost eligibility decision will apply to any further eligible activities in this process.

DATED at Toronto April 28, 2021

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