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DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

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OEB Innovation Sandbox Renewal

By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson

July 21, 2021

On June 23, 2021, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) initiating the OEB Innovation Sandbox Renewal Consultation. The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The letter made provision for stakeholders to apply for eligibility and for electricity distributors and transmitters and natural gas distributors to object.

The following organizations applied for cost award eligibility:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC)
- Pollution Probe (PP)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

No objections were received in relation to these requests for cost award eligibility.

The OEB finds that AMPCO, CME, CCC, OCC, PP and SEC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB further notes that cost-award eligible participants with similar viewpoints should coordinate their activities in order to reduce costs. Such efforts will be taken into account by the OEB during the decision on award of costs.

Consultation activities for which cost-award eligible participants may claim costs will be announced as the consultation progresses.

DATED at Toronto July 21, 2021

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