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## **DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY**

**EB-2021-0110**

**Hydro One Networks Inc.**

**2023-2027 Joint Distribution and  
Transmission Rates Application**

**Stakeholder Conference on Draft Hearing Plan**

**By Delegation, Before: Theodore Antonopoulos**

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**August 10, 2021**

## INTRODUCTION

On [July 23, 2021](#), the OEB announced that it would hold a pre-application stakeholder conference (stakeholder conference) on August 12, 2021 to receive input on OEB staff's draft hearing plan for Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) upcoming 2023-2027 joint distribution and transmission rates application.

Parties interested in participating in the stakeholder conference were asked to indicate their intent by filing a letter with the OEB by August 6, 2021. If Hydro One had any objections to the request for cost eligibility, such objections were to be filed with the OEB by August 9, 2021.

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

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)\*
- Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin)\*
- Arbourbrook Owners Association\*
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)\*
- Distributed Resources Coalition (DRC)\*
- Enbridge Gas Inc.
- Energy Probe\*
- Evolgen by Brookfield Renewable (Evolugen)
- HQ Energy Marketing Inc.
- London Property Management Association (LMPA)\*
- Pollution Probe\*
- Power Workers' Union
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)\*
- Society of United Professionals (SUP)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)\*

Hydro One 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 stakeholder conference in a subsequent communication.

AMPCO, Anwaatin, AOA, CCC, DRC, Energy Probe, LMPA, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#). 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 stakeholder conference does not imply that intervenor status and cost eligibility will be granted for the actual hearing.

Cost eligible participants should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

All parties granted cost eligibility shall file their cost claims with the OEB by **August 26, 2021**. Hydro One shall file with the OEB and forward to parties any objections to claimed costs by **September 2, 2021**. Parties shall file with the OEB and forward to Hydro One any reply to objections to the costs claims by **September 9, 2021**. The OEB will issue a cost award decision after this process concludes.

## How to File Materials

Stakeholders are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).

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**DATED** at Toronto, August 10, 2021

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