

## **DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY**

## EB-2021-0307

**Reliability and Power Quality Review** 

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On November 30, 2021, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a <u>letter</u> to initiate a comprehensive review of reliability and power quality (RPQR) in the Ontario electricity sector. The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, which will be paid for by licensed electricity distributors and transmitters. The letter made provision for stakeholders to apply for eligibility and for electricity distributors to object.

The following organizations applied for cost award eligibility:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Building Owners and Managers Association
- Energy Probe Research Foundation
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition
- School Energy Coalition

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

The OEB has determined that all five organizations 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.

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