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To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Licensed Electricity Transmitters
All Participants in EB-2021-0118

Re: EB-2021-0118 Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and

Utility Incentives

Cost Eligible Activities

This letter sets out adjustments to the hours cost eligible members of the Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group (FEIWG) may claim with respect to their contributions to the FEIWG and its subgroups. These changes reflect the evolution of the FEIWG's approach.

In the <u>letter</u> establishing the FEIWG, the OEB determined that up to 1.5 times of actual attended meeting time could be claimed for preparation, attendance and reporting in relation to each working group and subgroup meeting.

As the work of the FEIWG has progressed it has become clear that substantial effort to deliver on its terms of reference is being required of the subgroups. Subgroups are expected to dive more deeply into the issues they have been tasked with exploring. Considering the role of the subgroups and the fact that members are actively involved in preparing materials to support discussion at meetings and deliverables to the FEIWG, the OEB has decided to increase the amount of time cost-eligible subgroup members may claim to up to 2.5 times of actual attended meeting time.

In addition, the FEIWG is expected to prepare a report to the OEB setting out its recommendations, and the subgroups are responsible for drafting substantial components of that report. Therefore, any cost eligible member who takes a lead role in drafting the FEIWG's report, including drafting a subgroup's recommendations to the FEIWG, is eligible for up to 30 hours, in addition to the hours claimed for preparation, attendance and reporting in relation to meetings.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to <u>FEI@oeb.ca</u>. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

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