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**BY EMAIL AND WEB POSTING**

February 17, 2022

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors  
All Licensed Electricity Transmitters  
All Cost Eligible Stakeholders  
All Participants in EB-2021-0118**

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards  
Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility  
Incentives  
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2021-0118**

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This notice invites eligible participants in the Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (FEI) consultation to submit cost claims for eligible activities that took place between March 23, 2021 and January 31, 2022.

## **Background**

On March 23, 2021, the OEB issued a [letter](#) announcing the consolidation and continuation of two consultations – Utility Remuneration (EB-2018-0287) and Responding to Distributed Energy Resources (EB-2018-0288) – as FEI under file number EB-2021-0118.

The letter indicated that cost awards would continue to be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act) to eligible participants. Those participants who were found eligible for costs in EB-2018-0287/0288 would maintain their eligibility in FEI and were not required to reapply. The letter also indicated that under FEI, work would be undertaken jointly for both Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives and costs awarded for activities related to this work would be recovered as follows effective March 23, 2021:

- 80% from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors
- 20% from all rate-regulated licensed electricity transmitters

On October 14, 2021, the OEB issued a [letter](#) addressing costs related to participation at the OEB/IESO Joint Engagement Session. The letter indicated that cost awards will be available to those participants in the Joint Engagement Session who have been determined eligible for costs in the FEI consultation.

The following organizations are eligible for an award of costs in relation to cost eligible activities (collectively the Eligible Participants):<sup>1</sup>

- Anwaatin Inc.
- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters
- Consumers Council of Canada
- Energy Probe Research Foundation
- Electric Vehicle Society
- Environmental Defence
- Industrial Gas Users Association
- London Property Management Association
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

### **Eligible Activities**

The cost eligible activities undertaken between March 23, 2021 and January 31, 2022 are noted below with additional details provided in Appendix A to this letter:

#### **FEI Near-Term Priority Workstreams<sup>2</sup>**

- Written comments on concerns with near-term priority workstreams up to a maximum of five hours.

#### **FEI Working Group activities<sup>3</sup>**

- Preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on FEI working group meetings (for Eligible Participants and/or their consultants) up to 1.5 times of actual attended meeting time.
- FEIWG Lead: Preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on meetings (for Eligible Participants and/or their consultants) up to 2.5 times of actual attended meeting time.
- Sub-group members: Preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on sub-group meetings (for Eligible Participants and/or their consultants) up to 2.5 times of actual attended meeting time.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2021-0118 – Cost Awards Process Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (April 22, 2021) and EB-2021-0118 Decision on Cost Eligibility Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (May 10, 2021)

<sup>2</sup> EB-2021-0881 - Eligibility Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (March 23, 2021)

<sup>3</sup> EB-2021-0118, [OEB Letter](#) Terms of Reference Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (May 10, 2021) and EB-2021-0118, [OEB Letter](#) Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (January 19, 2022)

## Joint OEB/IESO Engagement Session

- Attendance and participation at the OEB/IESO Joint Engagement Session for a maximum of two hours.<sup>4</sup>

## Notice of Hearing

The OEB is initiating a hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that will be made in accordance with section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The decision on costs will be made by a delegated authority under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The hearing will follow the process set out below.

1. Participants intending to claim cost awards shall submit their cost claims by **March 2, 2022**. The cost claim must be filed with the OEB and must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. Any cost claims will be available for review by licensed electricity distributors and transmitters through the OEB's website under file number EB-2021-0118.
2. Rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors and transmitters will have until **March 9, 2022** to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. The objection must be filed with the OEB and one copy must be served on the eligible participant against whose claim the objection is being made.
3. The participant whose cost claim was objected to will have until **March 16, 2022** to file a reply submission with the OEB as to why its cost claim should be allowed. One copy of the reply submission is to be served on the objecting party.
4. The OEB will then issue its decision on cost awards. The OEB's costs will also be addressed in the cost awards decision.

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of its [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#) to implement the payment of the cost awards. The OEB will therefore act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards in this process.

## How to File Materials

Stakeholders are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **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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<sup>4</sup> EB-2021-0118 [OEB Letter](#) Cost Awards October 20, 2021 OEB/IESO Joint Engagement Session on Distributed Energy Resource Integration, Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (October 14, 2021)

Please quote file number, **EB-2021-0118** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [File documents online page](#) on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca) for assistance.
- Cost claims are now filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to the Framework for Energy Innovation consultation, stakeholders should include [FEI@oeb.ca](mailto:FEI@oeb.ca).

Email: [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca)

Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll free)

**DATED** at Toronto on February 17, 2022

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

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Attachment: Appendix A

## Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards - Dated February 17, 2022

### Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (EB-2021-0118)

#### Appendix A: Consultation Activities for Which Cost Claims may be Filed

No.	Activity Eligible for Cost Awards	Date of the Meeting	Eligible	Maximum Number of Hours
1.	Written Comments on Near-Term Priorities	April 14, 2021	5 hours	5.00
2.	FEIWG Meeting #1	June 16, 2021	Meeting Time x 1.5	8.25
3.	FEIWG Meeting #2	July 9, 2021	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5*	8.25 13.75
4.	OEB/Co-lead Meeting	July 14, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.50
5.	FEIWG Meeting #3	July 29, 2021	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	8.25 13.75
6.	OEB/Co-lead Meeting	August 4, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	3.75
7.	OEB/Co-lead Meeting	August 9, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.50
8.	FEIWG Meeting #4	August 24, 2021	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	8.25 13.75
9.	OEB/Co-lead Meeting	August 26, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.5
10.	OEB/Co-lead Meeting	August 31, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	3.75
11.	FEIWG Meeting #5	September 15, 2021	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	8.25 13.75
12.	OEB/Co-lead Meeting	September 17, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	3.75
13.	FEIWG Meeting #6	October 1, 2021	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	8.25 13.75
14.	OEB/Co-lead Meeting	October 4, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	3.75
15.	FEIWG Meeting #7	October 13, 2021	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	3.75 6.25
16.	OEB/Co-lead Meeting	October 15, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	3.75

\*Meeting Time x2.5 is for FEIWG Lead (co-lead)

<b>No.</b>	<b>Activity Eligible for Cost Awards</b>	<b>Date of the Meeting</b>	<b>Eligible</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Hours</b>
17.	OEB/IESO Joint Engagement	October 20, 2021	Maximum of 2 hours	2.00
18.	FEIWG Meeting #8	November 10, 2021	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	10.50 17.50
19.	OEB/Co-lead Meeting	November 12, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.50
20.	FEIWG Meeting #9	November 24, 2021	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	8.25 13.75
21.	OEB/Co-lead Meeting	November 26, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.50
22.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #1	December 1, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.50
23.	Benefit/Cost Sub-group Meeting #2	December 8, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.50
24.	Utility Incentives Sub-Group Meeting #1	December 8, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	5.00
25.	OEB/Co-lead Meeting	December 10, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.50
26.	OEB/Co-lead Meeting	December 16, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	1.25
27.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #3	December 20, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.50
28.	FEIWG Meeting #10	January 5, 2022	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	8.60 14.40
29.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #4	January 6, 2021	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.50
30.	OEB/Co-leads Meeting	January 7, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.50
31.	Utility Incentives Sub-Group Meeting #2	January 11, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.50
32.	FEIWG Meeting #11	January 19, 2022	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	4.50 7.50
33.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #5	January 20, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.50
34.	OEB/Co-leads Meeting	January 21, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.50
35.	Utility Incentives Sub-Group Meeting #3	January 25, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.50