



# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST ELIGIBILITY**

## **EB-2022-0011**

**Framework for the Review of Intervenor Processes and  
Cost Awards**

**BEFORE: Theodore Antonopoulos**  
Vice President  
Applications

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**April 19, 2022**

On March 31, 2022, the Ontario Energy Board issued a [letter](#) introducing a Framework for Review of Intervenor Processes and Cost Awards (Framework). The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

Costs awarded will be recovered from all licensed electricity and gas distributors, electricity transmitters, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) based on the OEB's Cost Assessment Model. Licensed electricity and gas distributors, electricity transmitters, OPG and the IESO had an opportunity to object to any of the requests for cost award eligibility. No objections were received.

The OEB has determined that the following stakeholders meet the criteria set out in the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* ([Practice Direction](#)) and are therefore eligible for cost awards in this consultation:

- Anwaatin Inc.
- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Building Owners and Managers Association
- Consumers Council of Canada
- Electrical Vehicle Society
- Energy Probe Research Foundation
- Environmental Defence Canada
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario
- Green Energy Coalition
- Industrial Gas Users Association
- London Property Management Association
- Low Income Energy Network
- Pollution Probe
- Quinte Manufacturers Association
- School Energy Coalition
- Scott Petrie Law Firm, on behalf of the Gas Pipeline Landowners of Ontario, the Lambton County Storage Association and the Canadian Association of Energy and Pipeline Landowner Associations
- Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition

## Eligible Activities

For the purpose of commenting on the issues, potential changes and questions identified in the Framework, eligible parties would be eligible for up to eight hours.

## Cost Awards

The OEB will apply the principles set out in section 5 of its Practice Direction when awarding costs. The maximum hourly rates set out in the OEB's Cost Awards Tariff will be applied. The OEB expects that groups representing the same interests or class of persons will make every effort to communicate and coordinate their participation in this process. The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of its Practice Direction to implement the payment of the cost awards. Therefore, the OEB will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards in this process. For more information, please refer to the OEB's Practice Direction.

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 April 19, 2022

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