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**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Other Interested Parties
Independent Electricity System Operator**

**Re: Stakeholder Meeting on Non-RPP Class B Pilot Program
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2022-0079**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is holding a meeting to discuss the development of a dynamic pricing pilot program for Class B consumers that are not eligible for the Regulated Price Plan (Non-RPP Class B). This virtual stakeholder meeting is described in greater detail below.

Background

In his November 15, 2021 mandate letter to the OEB, the Minister of Energy asked the OEB to work with the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to develop a plan to design and implement a dynamic pricing pilot to assess the benefits for Non-RPP Class B customers. To date, the OEB has worked with the IESO to develop a high-level plan for a Non-RPP Class B dynamic pricing pilot program (Non-RPP Class B Pilot Program) and posted a summary on the [OEB's Engage with Us website](#).

In a letter to stakeholders dated April 20, 2022, the Minister of Energy encouraged their participation in the consultation for the Non-RPP Class B Pilot Program, scheduled to begin with a stakeholder meeting in July 2022.

Stakeholder Meeting

The OEB is inviting interested stakeholders to a meeting to discuss the development of the Non-RPP Class B Pilot Program. The virtual stakeholder meeting will be held on **July 28, 2022, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

The objectives of this meeting are to:

- Inform stakeholders about the Non-RPP Class B Pilot Program
- Seek input from stakeholders on the plan for the development of the Non-RPP Class B Pilot Program

Stakeholders will also have the opportunity to submit written comments following the stakeholder meeting. Stakeholder input will help inform the final design of the Non-RPP Class B Pilot Program.

Participation

Stakeholders who intend to participate in the meeting are asked to email notice of their intention to ClassB.pilot@OEB.ca by **July 19, 2022**. Emails should include “EB-2022-0079 Non-RPP Class B Pilot Program” in the subject line and provide the following information:

- organization name
- name(s) of attendees to be registered
- a contact name, telephone number and email address.

Details about how to sign into the stakeholder meeting will be issued in due course.

Stakeholders who are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be updated on EB-2022-0079 Non-RPP Class B Pilot Program, please use the “Register” button on the [OEB’s Engage with Us website](#).

Written Comments

Stakeholders are invited to submit written comments on the materials presented at the July 28, 2022 stakeholder meeting. Comments must be submitted to the OEB by **August 25, 2022**, in accordance with the filing instructions set out in Appendix B below.

Cost Awards

Cost awards will be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. Costs awarded will be recovered from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors and apportioned amongst them based on customer numbers. Further information regarding cost awards is included in Appendix A to this letter. Filings to the OEB in relation to cost award eligibility must be made in accordance with the filing instructions set out in Appendix B below.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to ClassB.pilot@OEB.ca.

Sincerely,

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

Attachments: Appendix A Cost Awards
Appendix B Filing Instructions

Appendix A

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Cost Awards

Cost Award Eligibility

The OEB will determine eligibility for costs in accordance with its [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#). Any person intending to request an award of costs must file with the OEB a written submission to that effect by **July 19, 2022**. The submission must identify the following:

- The nature of the person's interest in this consultation
- The grounds on which the person believes that it is eligible for an award of costs (addressing the OEB's cost eligibility criteria as set out in section 3 of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*)
- An explanation of any other funding to which the person has access
- The name and credentials of any lawyer, analyst or consultant that the person intends to retain, if known.

All requests for cost eligibility will be posted on the OEB's website.

If a rate-regulated licensed electricity distributor has any objections to any of the requests for cost eligibility, such objections must be filed with the OEB by **July 22, 2022**. Any objections will be posted on the OEB's website. The OEB will then make a final determination on the cost eligibility of the requesting participants.

Eligible Activities

Cost awards will be available for participation in the stakeholder meeting and the submission of written comments following that meeting. The maximum number of hours allowed per participant for the eligible activities are:

Stakeholder Meeting (preparation, attendance and reporting)	3 hrs
Written comments	6 hrs

Cost Awards

The OEB will apply the principles set out in section 5 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* when awarding costs. The maximum hourly rates set out in the 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 co-ordinate their participation in this process.

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* to implement the payment of cost awards. The OEB will therefore act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards in this process. For more information on this process, please see the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Appendix B

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Filing Instructions

How to File Materials

Parties 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](#).

Please quote file number **EB-2022-0079** for all materials filed and kindly 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.
- Stakeholders 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 for assistance.
- Cost claims are 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](#).

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

Tel: 1-888-632-2727 (Toll-free)