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September 12, 2022

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

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards
Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility
Incentives**

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 February 1, 2022, and September 2, 2022. Costs for eligible activities that took place prior to February 1, 2022, were previously addressed by the OEB in a [Decision and Order on Cost Awards](#) issued on March 24, 2022.

Background

On March 23, 2021, the OEB issued a [letter](#) confirming cost awards would be available for this consultation under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, and costs would be recovered as follows:

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

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

- 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

¹ 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)

- 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 activities² undertaken between February 1, 2022, and September 2, 2022, are noted below with additional details provided in Appendix A to this letter:

Activities Eligible for Cost Awards	Maximum number of hours
Working group member preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on FEI working group meetings	1.5 times actual attended meeting time
FEIWG Lead preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on meetings	2.5 times actual attended meeting time
Sub-group member preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on sub-group meetings	2.5 times actual attended meeting time
Working group/sub-group member lead role in drafting the FEIWG or a sub-group's report.	30 hours
Written comments on FEIWG Report to the OEB (and sub-group reports).	10 hours

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 under 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 **September 26, 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

² Cost eligible activities are set out in EB-2021-0118, [OEB Letter](#) Terms of Reference Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (May 10, 2021); EB-2021-0118, [OEB Letter](#) Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (January 19, 2022) and EB-2021-0118, [OEB Letter](#) Report of the Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group to the Ontario Energy Board – Invitation to Comment (July 6, 2022)

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 **October 5, 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 **October 12, 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, **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-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.
- Stakeholders are expected 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 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.

Any questions related to this consultation should be directed to FEI@oeb.ca.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (Toll free)

DATED at Toronto on September 12, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson

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Attachment: Appendix A

Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards - Dated September 12, 2022

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

Appendix A: FEIWG meetings for which Cost Claims may be filed

No.	Activity Eligible for Cost Awards	Date of the Meeting	Eligible	Maximum Number of Hours
1.	FEIWG Meeting #12	February 2, 2022	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	4.5 7.5
2.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #6	February 3, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
3.	OEB/Co-leads Meeting	February 4, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.5
4.	Utility Incentives Sub-Group Meeting #4	February 11, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
5.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #7	February 16, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
6.	Utility Incentives Sub-Group Meeting #5	February 16, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
7.	DER Integration Sub-Group Meeting #1	February 16, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	5
8.	OEB/Co-leads Meeting	February 18, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.5
9.	DER Integration Sub-Group Meeting #2	February 23, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
10.	Utility Incentives Sub-Group Meeting # 6	March 3, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	5
11.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #8	March 3, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	5
12.	FEIWG Meeting #13	March 9, 2022	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5 12.5
13.	OEB/Co-leads Meeting	March 11, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.5
14.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #9	March 14, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5

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15.	DER Integration Sub-Group Meeting #3	March 16, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
16.	Utility Incentives Sub-Group Meeting # 7	March 17, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
17.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #10	March 23, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.5
18.	FEIWG Meeting #14	March 23, 2022	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	8.25 13.75
19.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #11	March 25, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
20.	OEB/Co-leads Meeting	March 28, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.5
21.	DER Integration Sub-Group Meeting #4	March 30, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
22.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #12	April 4, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
23.	Utility Incentives Sub-Group Meeting #8	April 6, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	6.25
24.	OEB/Co-leads Meeting	April 8, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.5
25.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #13	April 11, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
26.	FEIWG Meeting #15	April 13, 2022	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	3 5
27.	DER Integration Sub-Group Meeting #5	April 19, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
28.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #14	April 22, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	6.25
29.	FEIWG Meeting #16	April 27, 2022	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	8.25 13.75
30.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #15	April 29, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
31.	OEB/Co-leads Meeting	April 29, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.5
32.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #16	May 2, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.5
33.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #17	May 2, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	3.75

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34.	Utility Incentives Sub-Group Meeting #9	May 5, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.5
35.	DER Integration Sub-Group Meeting #6	May 10, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	3.75
36.	FEIWG Meeting #17	May 11, 2022	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	8.25 13.75
37.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #18	May 13, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
38.	DER Integration Sub-Group Meeting #7	May 13, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	3.75
39.	OEB/Co-leads Meeting	May 16, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.5
40.	DER Integration Sub-Group Meeting #8	May 19, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	5
41.	FEIWG Meeting #18	May 25, 2022	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	6 10
42.	Benefit/Cost Sub-Group Meeting #19	May 26, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	7.5
43.	OEB/Co-leads Meeting	May 27, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.5
44.	DER Integration Sub-Group Meeting #9	June 1, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	5
45.	FEIWG Meeting #19	June 8, 2022	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	8.25 13.75
46.	FEIWG Meeting #20	June 22, 2022	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	9 15
47.	OEB/Co-leads Meeting	June 28, 2022	Meeting Time x 2.5	2.5
48.	FEIWG Meeting #21	June 29, 2022	Meeting Time x 1.5 Meeting Time x 2.5	8.25 13.75