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# DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

## EB-2018-0278

### Activity and Program-based Benchmarking Initiative

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## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On November 3, 2022, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) announcing that it would hold a stakeholder meeting as the next step in the Activity and Program-based Benchmarking (APB) initiative. The OEB identified that cost awards would be available to eligible stakeholders for their participation in the stakeholder meeting. The OEB also determined that any costs would be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors apportioned based on respective customer numbers.

In the November 3, 2022 letter the OEB determined that the following parties that had participated in the earlier phases of the APB initiative would be eligible for a cost award in relation to participation in the stakeholder meeting:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Building Owners and Managers Association
- Consumers Council of Canada
- London Property Management Association
- School Energy Coalition
- Pollution Probe
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

The OEB received one new request for cost eligibility from Environmental Defence Canada Inc. (Environmental Defence).

Electricity distributors were given an opportunity to file any objections they might have in relation to the eligibility request by Environmental Defence. The OEB did not receive any objections from distributors.

This Decision is being issued by the Delegated Authority without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (Act).

## OEB FINDINGS

The OEB has reviewed Environmental Defence's request and finds that it is eligible for an award of costs in relation to its participation in the stakeholder meeting.

Participants with similar viewpoints are requested to coordinate their activities in order to reduce costs. This effort will be taken into account during the decision on award of costs.

This cost eligibility decision will apply to any further eligible activities in this process.

**DATED** at Toronto December 1, 2022

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