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March 8, 2023

**To: Members of the Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group  
Chiefs of Ontario  
Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario  
Green Energy Coalition  
Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation**

**cc: All Licensed Electricity Distributors  
All Natural Gas Distributors  
All Licensed Electricity Transmitters**

**Re: Invitation to Regulatory Framework Workshop (EB-2022-0302)**

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The OEB is inviting members of the Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group (FEIWG), as well as the Chiefs of Ontario, Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario, Green Energy Coalition, and Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation, to participate in a virtual Regulatory Framework Workshop on **April 19, 2023** (April Workshop).

## **Background**

On October 21, 2022, the Minister of Energy issued a [Letter of Direction](#), in which the Minister asked the OEB to launch workshops to explore how it can help enable electrification related investments while protecting consumers' interests. The Minister also asked the OEB to provide the government's Electrification and Energy Transition Panel with its best advice on potential changes to the OEB's mandate and operations, including:

- Opportunities to incorporate environmental and economic development into the OEB's regulation of the sector
- Approaches to integrating regulation of the electricity and natural gas systems
- Enhancements to how the OEB and Market Surveillance Panel oversee the acquisition of energy resources, regulate the IESO and review long-term planning efforts

## Invitation to Participate

We are seeking a diverse range of perspectives on changes to the OEB's mandate, tools or authorities that may be needed for the OEB to continue to regulate effectively in a time of significant sector transformation.

The FEIWG and the following organizations are invited to attend the April Workshop:

- Chiefs of Ontario
- Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Green Energy Coalition (GEC)
- Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation

These stakeholders and Indigenous communities have frequently engaged in OEB proceedings and initiatives over the last several years and will provide a diversity of viewpoints.

Invitees will also be invited to submit written comments after the April Workshop to provide additional feedback. Comments can be submitted to [rfworkshops@oeb.ca](mailto:rfworkshops@oeb.ca) and must be received by **May 9, 2023**.

## Workshops Details

The April Workshop is scheduled for **April 19, 2023**, from **9:30 AM to 12:00 PM**.

To facilitate remote participation, the April Workshop will occur virtually. A separate Microsoft Teams invite will follow. An agenda and meeting materials will also be provided to registered participants in advance.

Invitees are asked to email notice of their intention to participate [rfworkshops@oeb.ca](mailto:rfworkshops@oeb.ca)

## Eligibility for Cost Awards

Cost awards for participating in the April Workshop will be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to the following organizations that were previously determined eligible for an award of costs in the FEI consultation:<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

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2021-0118 – OEB Letter re: 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)

- Environmental Defence
- Industrial Gas Users Association
- London Property Management Association
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

The following organizations have also been determined to be eligible for cost awards for participating in the April Workshop:

- Chiefs of Ontario
- FRPO
- GEC
- Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation

Costs awarded will be recovered from all Licensed Electricity Distributors, Natural Gas Distributors and Electricity Transmitters recovery as follows:

33.4% from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors

33.3% from all rate-regulated gas distributors

33.3% from all rate-regulated licensed electricity transmitters

### **Eligible Activities**

The eligible activities are as follows:

<b>Activities Eligible for Cost Awards</b>	<b>Maximum number of hours</b>
Preparation, participation, and reporting on the April Workshop	Four hours
Written comments relating to the April Workshop	Two hours

Any questions related to the workshop should be directed to [rfworkshops@oeb.ca](mailto:rfworkshops@oeb.ca).

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar