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January 18, 2024

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors  
All Participants in EB-2023-0071**

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards  
Electric Vehicle Integration Initiative – Consultation on Delivery Rates for  
Electric Vehicle Charging  
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2023-0071**

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This notice invites eligible participants to submit cost claims for eligible activities incurred to-date in relation to this consultation.

### **Background**

On April 13, 2023, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) to initiate a consultation on electricity delivery rates for electric vehicle charging. The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, and that any costs would be paid for by licensed electricity distributors. The letter made provision for stakeholders to apply for eligibility and for electricity distributors to object. The following organizations were approved for cost award eligibility:

- Building Owners and Managers Association
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers & Businesses of Canada
- Consumers Council of Canada
- Environmental Defense
- Pollution Probe

### **Eligible Activities**

The maximum hours for cost eligible activities as set out in the April 13, 2023 letter are as follows:

Activities Eligible for Cost Awards	Maximum number of hours
Attendance and participation in the May 24th stakeholder meeting	3 hours
Preparation for May 24th stakeholder meeting	1.5 hours
Written comments on the consultant's report, "Electric Delivery Rates for Electric Vehicle Charging" (due June 7th)	6 hours

## Notice of Hearing

The OEB is initiating this hearing on its own motion to determine the cost awards to participants in this consultation identified above that are eligible for costs. The decision on costs will be made by an OEB employee under delegated authority pursuant to section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The hearing will follow the process set out below:

1. Eligible participants shall submit their cost claims by February 1, 2024. 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 electricity distributors through the OEB's website under file number EB-2023-0071.
2. Licensed electricity distributors will have until February 8, 2024 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 eligible participant whose cost claim was objected to will have until February 15, 2023 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 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

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-2023-0071** 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, fax 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 web portal can contact [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto: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](#).

All communications regarding cost award matters should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received at the address below by end of business on the required date.

Email: [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca)  
Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (Toll-free)

**DATED** at Toronto on January 18, 2024

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