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## **DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY**

**EB-2024-0092**

### **Engagement on Electricity Distribution System Expansion for Housing Development**

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**April 2, 2024**

On March 13, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) to engage stakeholders to inform its policy review of electricity distribution system expansion for housing development, with a specific focus on the connection and revenue horizons related to recovery of expansion costs. The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, which will be paid for by licensed electricity distributors. The letter made provision for stakeholders to apply for cost eligibility and for electricity distributors to object.

The following organizations applied for cost award eligibility:

- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition
- Consumers Council of Canada
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition
- Low-Income Energy Network
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada
- Distributed Resource Coalition
- Building Owners and Managers Association

No objections were received in relation to these requests for cost award eligibility.

The OEB has determined that all eight organizations are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the *OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB further notes that cost-award eligible participants with similar viewpoints should coordinate their activities in order to reduce costs. Such efforts will be taken into account by the OEB during the decision on award of costs.

The OEB reminds participants that cost awards will be available to eligible parties for participation in the initial stakeholder meeting to a maximum of actual meeting time plus six hours for preparation and written comments.

**DATED** at Toronto April 2, 2024

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