



**BY E-MAIL**

June 20, 2024

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors  
All Licensed Electricity Transmitters  
All Other Interested Parties  
All Cost Eligible Working Group Participants**

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards  
Reliability and Power Quality Review  
Ontario Energy Board File No.: [EB-2021-0307](#)**

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The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is giving notice that eligible participants in the Reliability and Power Quality Review (RPQR) consultation, OEB File no. EB-2021-0307, are invited to submit cost claims for eligible activities as follows:

- a) Participation in the RPQR working group (RPQR WG) meetings for the period from June 27, 2023, to June 12, 2024.
- b) Participation in the RPQR Transmission subgroup meeting for the period of September 28, 2023, to June 18, 2024

### **Background**

On November 30, 2021, the OEB issued a letter launching a comprehensive review of reliability and power quality in the Ontario electricity sector. The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) to eligible participants. The OEB also determined that licensed electricity distributors and transmitters will pay the costs.

The RPQR WG successfully completed Phase 2 with the implementation of voluntary feeder-level reliability reporting and the issuance of a guide addressing electricity distribution power quality issues.

The OEB has also established a new RPQR Transmission Subgroup to review the policy framework related to the current customer-specific reliability standards – called “customer delivery point performance standards” – that apply to electricity transmitters.

In a [letter](#) issued on June 28, 2022, the OEB announced the establishment of RPQR WG, its membership and scope of work. The OEB determined the following organizations were eligible for cost awards relating to their participation in the RPQR WG:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Anwaatin Inc.
- Building Owners and Managers Association
- School Energy Coalition

The June 28 letter indicated that cost awards would be available to cover preparation, attendance and reporting time in relation to meetings of the RPQR WG and any subgroup(s), up to 1.5 times of actual attended meeting time.

### **Notice of Hearing**

The OEB is initiating a hearing on its own motion to determine the cost awards to eligible participants for the following eligible activities:

- a) Participation in the RPQR working group (RPQR WG) meetings for the period from June 27, 2023, to June 12, 2024.
- b) Participation in the RPQR Transmission subgroup meeting for the period of September 28, 2023, to June 18, 2024.

The meetings and corresponding times are outlined in Appendix A of this Notice. The decision on costs will be made by an OEB staff member with delegated authority under section 6 of the OEB Act. The hearing will follow the process set out below.

1. Eligible participants that intend to seek a cost award shall submit their cost claims by **July 16, 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\*](#) (Practice Direction). Any cost claims will be available for review by licensed electricity distributors and transmitters through the OEB's website under file number EB-2021-0307.
2. Licensed electricity distributors and transmitters will have until **July 30, 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 participant against whose claim the objection is being made.
3. The participant whose cost claim was objected to will have until **August 13, 2024** to file its reply submission, if any, with the OEB, with a copy of the reply submission 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 the Practice Direction 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-2021-0307** 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 encouraged 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](mailto: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 at the address below and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Shuo Zhang at [Shuo.Zhang@oeb.ca](mailto:Shuo.Zhang@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at [Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca](mailto:Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca).

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Attachment – Appendix A

## Appendix A – WG and Subgroup Meeting Hours

### Reliability and Power Quality Review File No.: [EB-2021-0307](#)

Activity	Date	Start Time	End Time	Length of Meeting (Hours)	Max Eligible Hours
WG #12	6/27/2023	9:30 AM	3:30 PM	6	9
WG #13	8/1/2023	9:30 AM	12:00 PM	2.5	3.75
WG #14	9/14/2023	9:30 AM	3:30 PM	6	9
RPQR Transmission Subgroup Meeting #1	9/28/2023	9:30 AM	3:30 PM	6	9
WG #15	10/25/2023	9:30 AM	3:30 PM	6	9
RPQR Transmission Subgroup Meeting #2	11/14/2023	9:30 AM	12:15 PM	2.75	4.125
WG #16	12/8/2023	9:30 AM	3:30 PM	6	9
RPQR Transmission Subgroup Meeting #3	1/11/2024	1:30 PM	4:00 PM	2.5	3.75
WG #17	1/15/2024	9:30 AM	1:30 PM	4	6
WG #18	2/14/2024	9:30 AM	1:30 PM	4	6
WG #19	3/21/2024	9:30 AM	3:30 PM	6	9
WG #20	4/19/2024	9:30 AM	3:30 PM	6	9
WG #21	6/12/2024	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	2.5	3.75
RPQR Transmission Subgroup Meeting #4	6/18/2024	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	2	3