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# **DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY**

**EB-2024-0129**

## **Advancing Performance-based Rate Regulation**

**By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson  
Vice President,  
Consumer Protection & Industry Performance**

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**November 14, 2024**

## OVERVIEW

On October 9, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) inviting stakeholders to a meeting on November 19, 2024, to seek input on how to strengthen the link between what electricity distributors earn and the achievement of outcomes consumers value, such as cost effectiveness, reliability and customer service.

The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, and that any costs awarded would be recovered from all rate-regulated entities. However, the letter also indicated that this initial meeting and the comments due on December 13, 2024, are focused on electricity distributors, and therefore costs related to this stage would only be recovered from rate-regulated electricity distributors.

The OEB received eight requests for cost award eligibility from:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Building Owners and Managers Association
- Consumers Council of Canada
- Energy Probe
- Environmental Defence
- Industrial Gas Users Association
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition

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

## OEB FINDINGS

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

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

Consultation activities for which cost award-eligible participants may claim costs are described in the stakeholder meeting invitation letter referenced above.

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All communication should be addressed to the Registrar and must be received by the close of business, 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

**DATED** at Toronto November 14, 2024

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