

# **SUPPLEMENTAL DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY**

**EB-2024-0092**

**Distribution System Expansion for Housing  
Developments**

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

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**December 31, 2024**

On November 18, 2024, the OEB issued a Notice of Proposed Amendments (the Notice) to the *Distribution System Code* (DSC). These proposed amendments were intended to facilitate the connection of housing developments by extending the connection horizon to a maximum of 15 years for qualifying housing developments and extending the revenue horizon to 40 years for all residential customers. The OEB invited comments from all interested parties on the proposed amendments to the DSC set out in Appendix A to the Notice.

The OEB had conducted an engagement on electricity distribution system expansion for housing development in the spring of 2024. In the Notice, the OEB advised that any participant previously found eligible for an award of costs in the OEB's April 2, 2024 Decision on Cost Eligibility (the April 2024 Decision) in that engagement is eligible for an award of costs in relation to comments on the proposed DSC amendments and need not reapply.

In Appendix B to the Notice, the OEB directed any participant in this process intending to request cost awards (and not already determined eligible for a cost award in the April 2024 Decision) to file a written submission with the OEB by November 25, 2024, identifying the nature of their interest in this process and the grounds on which they are eligible for cost awards, and addressing the other matters identified in Appendix B. Electricity distributors were given until November 28, 2024 to object to any of the cost eligibility requests, after which the OEB would make a final determination on the cost eligibility of the requesting participants.

By letter dated November 20, 2024, Environmental Defence (ED) requested participant status and cost eligibility. The OEB did not receive any objections to this request. The OEB finds that ED is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB reminds ED that cost awards will be available to eligible parties for providing comments on the proposed DSC amendments to a maximum of 4 hours.

**DATED** at Toronto December 31, 2024

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