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BY EMAIL

April 16, 2025

- To: All Licensed Rate-Regulated Electricity Distributors Respondents to the Stakeholder Engagement for EB-2022-0079
- Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards related to Dynamic Pricing Options for Non-RPP Class B Electricity Consumers Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2022-0079

Background

On July 22, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a <u>letter</u> inviting stakeholders to a meeting on September 9, 2024, seeking input on alternative opt-in price plans for Class B consumers that are not eligible for the Regulated Price Plan (Non-RPP Class B). The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to eligible participants.

In that letter and in an August 29, 2024 <u>Decision</u>, the OEB determined that the following stakeholders are eligible for cost awards in relation to this consultation, to be recovered from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors based on the number of customers they serve:

- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Business of Canada
- Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce
- Quinte Manufacturers Association
- School Energy Coalition
- Building Owners and Managers Association

Eligible Activities

Cost awards are available for participation in the stakeholder meeting that was held on September 9, 2024, and the submission of written comments thereafter. The maximum

number of hours allowed per participant for the eligible activities is set out in Appendix A to this Notice.

Notice of Hearing

The OEB is initiating a 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 a delegated authority under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The hearing will follow the process set out below.

- Eligible participants shall submit their cost claims by May 7, 2025. The cost claim must be filed with the OEB and one copy is to be served on each licensed electricity distributor. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the OEB's <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.
- 2. Licensed electricity distributors will have until **May 16, 2025**, 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 **May 23**, **2025**, 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 distributor.
- 4. The OEB will then issue its decision on cost awards.

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of its <u>Practice Direction on Cost</u> <u>Awards</u> 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 <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>.

Please quote file number **EB-2022-0079** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online</u> filing portal.

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and email address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS)</u>

<u>Document Guidelines</u> found at the <u>File documents online page</u> on the OEB's website.

- Stakeholders are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an</u> <u>account</u> or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the <u>File</u> <u>documents online page</u> 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 <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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 Dynamic Pricing Options for Non-RPP Class B Electricity Consumers, stakeholders should include <u>ClassB.pricing@oeb.ca</u>.

Email: <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u>

Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll-free)

DATED at Toronto April 16, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Attachment: Appendix A

APPENDIX A

Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards Dated April 16, 2025

Consultation (Dynamic Pricing Options for Non-RPP Class B Electricity Consumers)

(EB-2022-0079)

Activities for which Cost Claims may be filed

No.	Activity Eligible for Cost Awards	Date of the Meeting/Filing	Eligible	Maximum Number of Hours
1.	Stakeholder meeting (preparation, attendance, and reporting)	September 9, 2024	Meeting time + 1.5	4.5
2.	Written comments	October 10, 2024	6 Hours	6