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DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

EB-2025-0108

Spending Pattern Analysis

By Delegation Before: Theodore Antonopoulos
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April 24, 2025

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On April 1, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) to initiate a consultation to engage interested stakeholders in a review of electricity distributors' spending patterns. The Spending Pattern Analysis (SPA) consultation will improve the OEB's regulatory oversight of spending trends and capitalization policies in Ontario's electricity sector. The letter indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible participants under section 30 of the [Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998](#), and that costs awarded will be recovered from all licensed rate regulated electricity distributors. The letter made a provision for stakeholders to apply for cost award eligibility and for any objections from rate regulated electricity distributors.

The following organizations applied to participate in the SPA consultation and requested cost award eligibility:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

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

This cost eligibility decision is being issued by delegated authority under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

In addition to the organizations noted above, the following organizations applied to participate in the consultation:

- Alectra Utilities Corporation
- Atikokan Hydro Inc.
- Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation
- Canadian Niagara Power Inc.
- Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concepts
- Elexicon Energy Inc.
- Enbridge Gas Inc.
- Electricity Distributors Association
- Enova Power Corp.
- Entegrus Powerlines Inc.

- Essex Powerlines Corporation
- Festival Hydro Inc.
- GrandBridge Energy Inc.
- Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.
- Halton Hills Hydro Inc.
- Hydro One Networks Inc.
- Hydro Ottawa Limited
- InnPower Corporation
- London Hydro Inc.
- Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.
- Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.
- Orangeville Hydro Limited
- Power Workers' Union
- PUC Distribution Inc.
- Toronto Hydro Electric Systems Limited
- Utilis Consulting Inc.

By correspondence dated April 14, 2025, the Ministry of Energy and Mines advised that it wished to be an observer in this consultation.

OEB FINDINGS

The OEB finds that the AMPCO, CCC, Energy Probe, Pollution Probe, SEC, and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

As indicated in Appendix A to the OEB's April 1, 2025 [letter](#), the OEB expects that groups representing the same interests or class of persons will make every effort to communicate and co-ordinate their participation in this process. The OEB reminds participants that those efforts will be taken into account by the OEB in making a decision on the award of costs.

The OEB reminds parties that activities for which cost award-eligible participants may claim costs are outlined in Appendix A of the April 1, 2025 [letter](#), and that details on any further potential activities for which cost-eligible participants may claim costs in the consultation may be provided in future communication(s), as required.

DATED at Toronto April 24, 2025

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