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DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

EB-2025-0060

Distribution System Operator Capabilities – Stakeholder Consultation

**By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson
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May 20, 2025

On January 28, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) to initiate a consultation on distribution system operator capabilities. The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, which will be paid for by all rate-regulated electricity distributors. The letter made provision for stakeholders to apply for eligibility and for rate-regulated electricity distributors to object.

The following organizations applied for cost award eligibility:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto (BOMA)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Environmental Defence
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN)
- Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

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*.

OEB FINDINGS

The OEB has determined that all nine organizations are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the *OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

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

As mentioned in the OEB's January 28, 2025, letter, consultation activities for which cost-award eligible participants may claim costs will be announced as the consultation progresses.

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