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May 28, 2025

To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Participants in EB-2023-0071

Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards

Electric Vehicle Integration - Electricity Delivery Rates for Electric Vehicle

(EV) Charging

Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2023-0071

Background

On May 1, 2024, the OEB issued a <u>letter</u> inviting stakeholders to a meeting on June 13, 2024 to discuss a proposal for an electricity delivery rate for public EV charging stations that have a low load factor.

In that letter and in a May 30, 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:

- Building Owners and Managers Association
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers & Businesses of Canada
- Consumers Council of Canada
- Environmental Defence
- Pollution Probe
- Distributed Resource Coalition
- School Energy Coalition

On January 7, 2025, the OEB issued a <u>letter</u> inviting stakeholders to provide written comments on a revised proposal for an Electric Vehicle Charging Rate. On March 31, 2025, the OEB issued its Electric Vehicle Charge Rate Overview – Final Report.

Eligible Activities

Cost awards are available for participation in the stakeholder meeting that was held on June 13, 2024, for preparation for this meeting, and for the submission of written comments thereafter.

Cost awards are also available for the submission of written comments on the January 7, 2025 revised proposal.

The maximum number of hours allowed per participant for the eligible activities, as determined in the May 2024 and January 2025 letters, is set out in Appendix A to this Notice.

Notice of Hearing

The OEB is initiating this hearing on its own motion to determine the cost awards to parties in this consultation identified above that are eligible for costs. The decision on costs will be made under delegated authority under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998. The hearing will follow the process set out below:

- Eligible parties shall submit their cost claims by June 18, 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 **June 25**, **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 party against whose claim the objection is being made.
- 3. The eligible party whose cost claim was objected to will have until **July 3, 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 party.
- 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 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 Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Please quote file number **EB-2023-0071** 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, fax number and e-mail 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 account</u>, or require assistance using the web 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> documents online page 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 at the address below by end of business, 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

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

Yours truly,

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Attachment: Appendix A

APPENDIX A Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards Dated May 28, 2025

Electric Vehicle Integration – Electricity Delivery Rates for Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging) (EB-2023-0071)

Activities for which Cost Claims may be filed

Activity Eligible for Cost Awards	Maximum Number of Hours
June 13, 2024 stakeholder meeting: preparation	1.5
June 13, 2024 stakeholder meeting: attendance	3
June 13, 2024 proposal: stakeholder written feedback	6
January 7, 2025 revised proposal: written feedback	6