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# **SUPPLEMENTAL DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY**

## **EB-2019-0207**

**Distributed Energy Resources Connections Review Initiative**

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

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**July 16, 2025**

The OEB initiated a review of the requirements for the connection of distributed energy resources (DERs) by licensed electricity distributors in 2019. Stakeholder representatives have participated in the DER Connections Review initiative since its inception through a Working Group, and the OEB issued Decisions on Cost Eligibility on September 10, 2019, September 13, 2019, September 23, 2019, and January 13, 2020, in which it approved cost eligibility for various stakeholder participants and denied it for others.

On July 4, 2025, the OEB received a letter from the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) advising that it understands that a technical advisory group, the DER Cost Responsibility (CR) Small Group, is being established by OEB staff to further the review of issues related to DER connections, and that it wishes to participate in the Working Group. VECC named one individual and an alternate as its designated representatives.

No objections to the request have been received from electricity distributors, who will be responsible for paying any costs awarded in this consultation.

The OEB will approve this request. The OEB is satisfied that VECC represents an interest or policy perspective that is relevant to this upcoming phase of the initiative, and that it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

**DATED** at Toronto July 16, 2025

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