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By Email

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Dear Mr. Murray,

**Re: Cost Award Eligibility Request - Consultation on the Regulatory Treatment of Local Electricity Demand-side Management (Stream 2) Programs (OEB File No. EB-2025-0156)**

On August 8, 2025, the Canadian Charging Infrastructure Council (CCIC) submitted a request to participate in the Consultation on the Regulatory Treatment of Local Electricity Demand-side Management (Stream 2) Programs, initiated by letter on July 23, 2025 (the "Consultation"). This letter contains CCIC's statement regarding cost eligibility.

In their letter on July 23, 2025, the OEB determined that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for participation in cost eligible activities.

CCIC was formed on April 29, 2025 and represents EV charging companies that deploy and supply EV charging equipment. CCIC's members are responsible for over 50% of the public EV charging stations in Canada and a large number of the connected private charging stations in Canada. Collectively, CCIC members have significant experience and insight regarding the implications and opportunities of electricity demand-side ("eDSM") management, factors that impact successful implementation of eDSM for both distributors and the grid and the economic benefits of the resulting energy efficiency gains.

CCIC meets all the eligibility criteria outlined in section 3 of the OEB *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. CCIC primarily represents the direct interest of ratepayers, in relation to energy services regulated by the Board (s. 3.03(a)) while also representing an



interest relevant to the Board's mandate and to this current proceeding (3.03(b)). CCIC's members are significant consumers of electricity across Ontario and, therefore, have a strong interest in the successful and cost-effective implementation of the eDSM programs in Ontario, including Stream 2. CCIC's contribution to this Consultation will involve the collecting and sharing of insight from members participating in many eDSM programs and pilots across North America. CCIC believes that this experience gives CCIC an informed perspective into the benefits to ratepayers from such programs. Individually, CCIC members would also meet the eligibility criteria, given their individual status as ratepayers and their participation in eDSM programs and pilots.

CCIC has no other access to funding and therefore cost eligibility would be greatly appreciated in order to contribute meaningfully to the Consultation.

The following lawyers are retained by CCIC, listed alongside their LSO numbers for verification of credentials:

- Travis Allan
  - Gilbert's LLP
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We would appreciate being considered for costs awards in this proceeding, given CCIC meets the eligibility criteria and has complied with the cost award eligibility requirements outlined in section 3 of the OEB *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and Appendix A of the initiation letter, dated July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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