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# DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

## EB-2025-0156

# Consultation on the Regulatory Treatment of Local Electricity Demand-side Management (Stream 2) Programs

**By Delegation Before: Theodore Antonopoulos**
Vice President
Major Applications

**September 9, 2025**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On July 23, 2025 the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a letter initiating a consultation on the regulatory treatment of electricity demand-side management (eDSM) programs delivered by local distribution companies (LDCs) that provide both local and system wide benefits. 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 rate-regulated electricity distributors. The letter made provision for stakeholders to apply for cost award eligibility and for rate-regulated electricity distributors to object to any such requests.

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

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Canadian Charging Infrastructure Council (CCIC)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Distributed Resource Coalition (DRC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence
- Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN)
- Minogi Corp.
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Three Fires Group Inc. (TFG)
- 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
- Bluewater Power Distribution Corp.
- Burlington Hydro Inc.
- CLEAResult Canada
- Enbridge Gas Inc.

- Enova Power Corp.
- ENWIN Utilities Ltd.
- Essex Powerlines Corp.
- Grandbridge Energy Inc.
- Halton Hills Hydro Inc.
- Hydro Ottawa Limited
- iSolar, International Solar Solutions Inc.
- Lagasco Inc.
- Lakefront Utilities Inc.
- MarketStep Inc.
- Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.
- Ontario Ministry of Energy and Mines
- Peak Power Inc.
- Power Workers' Union
- Rodan Energy Solutions
- Toronto Atmospheric Fund
- Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited
- Utilities Kingston/Kingston Hydro

## OEB FINDINGS

The OEB finds that AMPCO, BOMA, CCIC, CCC, DRC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, LIEN, Minogi Corp., Pollution Probe, SEC, TFG and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The list of parties in this consultation is attached as Schedule A to this decision and Order.

The OEB notes that CCIC is a newly formed organization. In its cost eligibility request letter, CCIC noted that it represents EV charging companies that deploy and supply EV charging equipment, and that CCIC members have significant experience and insight regarding the implications and opportunities for eDSM management. CCIC further states that it is eligible under the Practice Direction because it primarily represents the direct interests of ratepayers (s. 3.03(a)), and that it also represents an interest or policy perspective relevant to the OEB's mandate and to this proceeding (s. 3.03(b)).

The OEB is granting cost award eligibility for this consultation given the potential value that the CCIC members can bring based on their experience with eDSM programs and pilots across North America. The OEB issued a letter on September 4, 2025, on the Distribution Customer Connections Review. In the letter, the OEB found CCIC eligible for costs in that proceeding, but also provided additional guidance for CCIC when participating in the Distribution Customer Connections Review consultation and

preparing its cost claim. The OEB expects CCIC to also follow that guidance for this eDSM consultation.

As indicated in Appendix A to the OEB's July 23, 2025 letter, the OEB expects that groups representing similar interests or class of persons will make every effort to communicate and co-ordinate their participation in this process. The OEB reminds prospective participants that those efforts will be taken into account by the OEB in making a decision on an award of costs. The OEB also reminds prospective participants that the OEB's July 23, 2025 letter set out maximum total eligible hours per participant for eligible consultation activities.

**DATED** at Toronto September 9, 2025

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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