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DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

EB-2025-0125

Consultation on the Integrated Resource Planning Framework Review

By Delegation Before: Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President
Major Applications

October 6, 2025

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On March 27, 2025 the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) launching a consultation to support a review and evaluation of its [Integrated Resource Planning \(IRP\) Framework for Enbridge Gas](#).

The consultation process will include the issuance of an OEB staff discussion paper assessing the progress in implementing the IRP Framework and proposing updates to the IRP Framework, followed by a stakeholder meeting and a subsequent opportunity to file written comments that address the OEB staff proposals in the discussion paper or provide additional suggestions regarding the IRP Framework.

The OEB indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for participation in the consultation and that costs awarded will be recovered from each rate-regulated natural gas distributor. The letter instructed stakeholders who intend to participate to register and made provisions for stakeholders to apply for cost award eligibility (if required), and for rate-regulated natural gas distributors to object to any such requests.

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

- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence
- Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Ginoogaming First Nation (GFN)
- Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN)
- Minogi Corporation (Minogi) / Three Fires Group Inc. (TFG)¹
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- 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*.

¹ Minogi/TFG jointly requested to participate in the consultation, and provided a letter of clarification indicating that they would file separate cost claims, but the total hours claimed collectively by Minogi and TFG will be consistent with the maximum eligible hours.

In addition to the organizations noted above, the following organizations applied to participate in the consultation:

- Enbridge Gas Inc.
- EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership
- Kitchener Utilities
- Independent Electricity System Operator
- Natural Resources Canada
- Power Advisory LLC

OEB FINDINGS

The OEB finds that CCC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, FRPO, GFN, LIEN, Minogi/TFG, OGVG, Pollution Probe and SEC 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.

As indicated in Appendix A to the OEB's March 27, 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.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The table below identifies activities that will be available for cost awards, setting out the maximum total eligible hours per participant for eligible consultation activities.

Activity	Total Eligible Hours Per Participant
Review of OEB Staff's IRP Framework Discussion Paper	Up to a maximum of 6 hours
Preparation for and Participation in Stakeholder Session	Up to a maximum of 1.5 times actual session length
Written Comments on OEB Staff's Discussion Paper	Up to a maximum of 12 hours

The OEB will consider stakeholder comments and subsequently determine next steps in the IRP Framework review. Additional guidance regarding eligible activities for cost awards may be provided at a future date, as needed.

DATED at Toronto October 6, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Theodore Antonopoulos
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SCHEDULE A
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