



DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

EB-2025-0214

Accounting Procedures Handbook Update

By Delegation Before: Theodore Antonopoulos
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INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is providing stakeholders with information regarding cost award eligibility related to the newly established Accounting Procedures Handbook (APH) Update working group (Working Group).

On August 11, 2025, the OEB established the APH Update [consultation](#) and invited expressions of interest to participate in a related Working Group.

The following organizations expressed an interest in membership in the Working Group, sought cost award eligibility, and were selected:

- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

In its September 25, 2025 letter, the OEB did not make a determination at that time on the Chiefs of Ontario request participation in the Working Group, until further information was received from the organization. On October 1, 2025, the Chiefs of Ontario withdrew their request for participation in the Working Group, and the OEB acknowledges that withdrawal. The OEB will deal with the CCC and SEC requests for cost eligibility below.

Cost Award Eligibility

The OEB provided for cost awards to be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for eligible parties' participation in the Working Group and for subsequent eligible activities as may be identified at the relevant time.

The OEB's August 11, 2025, letter stated that costs awarded will be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors and rate-regulated electricity transmitters. The letter made provision for stakeholders to apply for cost award eligibility and for electricity distributors and transmitters to object. No objections were received in relation to the requests filed with the OEB.

This cost eligibility decision is being issued by delegated authority under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

OEB Findings

The OEB has determined that CCC and SEC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB reminds participants that cost awards will be available to eligible participants for a maximum of actual meeting time plus 1.5 times the actual meeting time for preparation and reporting per eligible participant. The OEB also reminds participants that cost awards will be made available on a per eligible participant basis, regardless of the number of professional advisors that an eligible participant may wish to retain.

The OEB's costs related to this consultation will also be recovered from rate-regulated electricity distributors and rate-regulated electricity transmitters.

Any questions relating to this decision can be directed to Fiona O'Connell at fiona.oconnell@oeb.ca.

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