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**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All participants in EB-2022-0267
All Other Interested Parties**

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards
Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements (RRR) Consultation
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0267**

What You Need to Know

- **The OEB is initiating a hearing to determine cost awards for eligible participants in the December 4, 2025, RRR Consultation stakeholder meeting.**
- **Eligible participants are invited to submit cost claims for meeting preparation, participation and reporting activities by February 13, 2026.**
- **After reviewing claims, the OEB will issue its decision for cost award payments.**

The OEB is giving notice that eligible participants are invited to submit cost claims for eligible activities in relation to the virtual meeting held on December 4, 2025, in respect of the above-referenced [RRR Consultation](#).

Background

On November 7, 2025, the OEB issued a [letter](#) announcing the December 4, 2025 virtual stakeholder meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to share updates and gather feedback on planned changes to RRR.

The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, and that costs would be recovered from all licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors. It also confirmed that participants deemed eligible for cost awards in the OEB's earlier January 2025 stakeholder meeting would remain eligible and would not need to reapply. The letter further stated that any other

participants intending to request an award of costs were invited to file a written submission by November 14, 2025.

The following parties were found eligible for cost awards for participating in the January 2025 stakeholder meeting, and thus deemed eligible for cost awards for participating in the December 2025 stakeholder meeting:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario;
- Building Owners and Managers Association;
- Consumers Council of Canada;
- Environmental Defence;
- Pollution Probe; and
- School Energy Coalition.

The OEB did not receive any new applications for cost award eligibility in respect of the December 4, 2025, stakeholder meeting.

Eligible Activities

In respect of the virtual meeting on December 4, 2025, eligible activities and the maximum number of hours for each activity are as follows:

No.	Activity Eligible for Cost Awards	Maximum Number of Hours
1	Meeting Preparation and Reporting	1
2	Attendance and Participation	2

Notice of Hearing

The OEB is initiating a hearing on its own motion to determine the cost awards to eligible participants in the December 2025 stakeholder meeting. The decision on costs will be made by delegated authority under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

The hearing will follow the process set out below.

1. Eligible participants shall submit their cost claims by **February 13, 2026**. The cost claim must be filed with the OEB and completed in accordance with section 10 of the [OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#). Any cost claims will be available for review by licensed rate-regulated distributors through the OEB's website under file number [EB-2022-0267](#).
2. Licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors will have until **February 23, 2026**, to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. The objection must be filed with the OEB and one copy must be served on the eligible participant against whose claim the objection is being made.

3. The eligible participant whose cost claim was objected to, will have until **March 3, 2026**, to file its reply submission, if any, with the OEB, with a copy of the reply submission to be served on the objecting party.
4. The OEB will then issue its decision on cost awards.

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards to implement the payment of the cost awards. The OEB will therefore act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards in this process.

How to File Documents with the OEB

- Parties are required to quote file number (i.e., **EB-2022-0267**) for all materials filed and submit them in **searchable/unrestricted PDF format** (i.e., no printing or copying restrictions) with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).
- Parties should use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [File documents online page](#) on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact registrar@oeb.ca for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Parties are encouraged to visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. Parties that are eligible for a cost award and that do not currently have an account in the cost claim portal should create an account as soon as their cost award eligibility has been confirmed by the OEB. All parties shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim for the purposes of service on the party(ies) paying cost awards as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).
- All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by **4:45 p.m.** on the required date.

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Yours truly,

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Acting Registrar