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April 1, 2026

**To: All Licensed and Rate-regulated Electricity Transmitters
Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
All Other Interested Parties**

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards
Streamlining Transmission Connections
OEB File No.: [EB-2025-0216](#)**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is giving notice that the eligible participant in the Streamlining Transmission Connections (STC) consultation is invited to submit cost claims for eligible activities.

Background

On July 31, 2025, the OEB issued a [letter](#) (the July 31st letter) launching a comprehensive review of electricity transmitter processes and requirements for connecting customers in response to the Minister of Energy and Mines' [Integrated Energy Plan Directive](#). The July 31st letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) based on the criteria set out in the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#). Licensed and rate-regulated electricity transmitters will pay the costs of eligible participants and that costs will be apportioned between them based on percentage of revenue of each transmitter.

The OEB issued a [Decision on Cost Eligibility](#) on August 26, 2025, which determined that the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO) is eligible for cost awards (eligible participant).

In the July 31st letter, the OEB stated that an eligible participant that makes a submission on the issues as requested in the letter is eligible for cost awards up to five hours for preparation of the submission. Further, the letter noted that cost awards will also be available to an eligible participant for its participation in the virtual STC Forum and task force meetings to a maximum of actual meeting time plus 1.5 times the actual meeting time for preparation and reporting per eligible participant.

Notice of Hearing

The OEB is initiating a hearing on its own motion to determine the cost awards for the following eligible activities:

- a) Providing written input about the transmission connection process by August 15, 2025, as requested in the July 31st letter.
- b) Participation in the virtual STC Forum held on August 27, 2025.
- c) Participation in the STC working group meetings from September 23, 2025 to November 4, 2025.

The decision on costs will be made by an OEB staff member with delegated authority under section 6 of the OEB Act. The hearing will follow the process set out below.

1. If the eligible participant intends to seek a cost award, it shall submit its cost claim by **April 22, 2026**. The cost claim must be filed with the OEB, and one copy is to be served on each [licensed and rate-regulated electricity transmitter](#). The cost claim must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).
2. Licensed and rate-regulated electricity transmitters will have until **May 6, 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.
3. The eligible participant will have until **May 13, 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 apply the principles in section 5 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, when determining the amount of the cost awards. Further, 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 Materials

Stakeholders are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).

Participants should quote file number **EB-2025-0216** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Participants 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.
- Participants 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 now filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Participants should visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#), or as otherwise directed by the OEB.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below and be received by the end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, participants must include Mansi Modi, Senior Advisor, at Mansi.Modi@oeb.ca.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca
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Attachment – Appendix A: Cost-Eligible Activities

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Group	Meeting/Activity	Date	Duration Hours	Maximum Hours
Streamlining Transmission Connections	Preparation of written input about the transmission connection process	August 15, 2025	To be confirmed by the eligible participant	5
	Virtual STC Forum	August 27, 2025	0.75	1.13
	Meeting #1	September 23, 2025	2	3
	Meeting #2	October 1, 2025	2	3
	Meeting #3	October 17, 2025	2	3
	Meeting #4	October 28, 2025	2	3
	Meeting #5	November 4, 2025	2	3