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To: All Rate-regulated Electricity Distributors
All Participants in Consultation EB-2025-0108

Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards related to the Spending Pattern Analysis Consultation
Ontario Energy Board File No.: EB-2025-0108

What You Need to Know

- **The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is initiating a hearing on its own motion.**
- **This hearing will determine the cost awards for eligible participants in relation to their participation in the Spending Pattern Analysis (SPA) consultation.**
- **Eligible participants intending to claim cost awards should submit their cost claims by June 25, 2026.**

The OEB is inviting eligible participants to submit cost claims in relation to their participation in the SPA consultation (EB-2025-0108) for the period ending February 13, 2026.

Background

On April 1, 2025, the OEB issued a letter initiating the SPA consultation. This consultation is intended to result in improvements to the OEB's regulatory oversight of spending trends and capitalization policies in Ontario's electricity sector. The letter indicated that cost awards will be available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (Act), for participation in the SPA consultation, and that costs would be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors. The letter also listed the consultation activities eligible for cost awards as well as the maximum number of hours that can be claimed for each, as follows:

Activity Eligible for Cost Awards	Maximum Number of Hours
Preparation for the April 25, 2025 stakeholder meeting	2 hours
Attendance and participation in the April 25, 2025 stakeholder meeting	1.5 hours
Attendance at follow-up interview session (applicable only to those contacted by PEG for follow-up interviews) (May 16, 2025)	2 hours
Completion of surveys (May 23, 2025)	2 hours
Provide written comments (May 30, 2025)	2 hours
Provide written comments on the draft report of the Board (February 13, 2026)	3 hours

Notice of Hearing

The OEB is initiating a hearing on its own motion to determine the cost awards for eligible participants in relation to their participation in the SPA consultation.

The decision on costs will be made under delegated authority pursuant to section 6 of the Act. The hearing will follow the process set out below.

1. Eligible participants intending to claim cost awards shall submit their cost claims by **June 25, 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* (Practice Direction). All cost claims will be available for review by rate-regulated electricity distributors on the OEB's website under file number EB-2025-0108.

2. Rate-regulated electricity distributors will have until **July 9, 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 **July 16, 2026,** to file a reply submission, if any, with the OEB as to why its cost claim should be allowed. One copy of the reply submission is to be served to the objecting electricity distributor.

4. The OEB will then issue its decision on cost awards. The OEB's costs may also be addressed in the cost awards decision.

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of the Practice Direction 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 must quote file number, **EB-2025-0108** 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 must 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 filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please 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.

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

Email: registrar@oeb.ca
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Yours truly,



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