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**To: All Rate-Regulated Electricity Distributors
All Participants in EB-2024-0129**

Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards related to the Advancing Performance-based Rate Regulation consultation (EB-2024-0129)

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 related to the Advancing Performance-based Rate Regulation (APBR) consultation.**
- **Eligible participants intending to claim cost awards should submit their cost claims by September 15, 2026.**

The OEB is inviting eligible participants to submit cost claims in relation to their participation in the APBR consultation ([EB-2024-0129](#)) for the period ending July 10, 2025. This consultation is now part of the Next Generation Rate Framework consultation. For more information, please visit [Next Generation Rate Framework | Engage with Us](#).

Background

In October 2024, the OEB [launched](#) the APBR consultation. Subsequently, in May 2025, the OEB [released](#) a Discussion Paper as a part of the APBR consultation presenting draft performance incentive mechanisms (PIMs) for electricity distributors.

Cost awards for this consultation are available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (Act). As stated in the October 2024 and May 2025 letters, costs related to the consultation, including in respect to the OEB's own costs (i.e., consulting services), will be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors.

On November 14, 2024, the OEB made a [Decision](#) determining the following stakeholders would be eligible for cost awards:

1. Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
2. Building Owners and Managers Association
3. Consumers Council of Canada
4. Energy Probe
5. Environmental Defence
6. Industrial Gas Users Association
7. Pollution Probe
8. School Energy Coalition

Eligible Activities

The consultation activities eligible for cost awards as well as the maximum number of hours that can be claimed for each are as follows:

Activities Eligible for Cost Awards	Maximum number of Hours
Consultation Launch and Jurisdictional Scan Meeting	
Attendance and participation in the November 19, 2024, stakeholder meeting	2.5 hours
Preparation for November 19, 2024, stakeholder meeting and reporting back on the meeting (Reviewing Christensen Associates jurisdictional scan and OEB meeting presentation)	4 hours
Written comments on the meeting materials (December 13, 2024)	4 hours
Performance Incentive Mechanisms (PIMs) Discussion Paper	
Attendance and participation in the June 3, 2025, stakeholder meeting	2.5 hours
Preparation for June 3, 2025, stakeholder meeting and reporting back on the meeting (Reviewing Discussion Paper)	5 hours
Written response to discussion questions (June 27, 2025)	15 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 APBR 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 **September 15, 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-2024-0129](#).
2. Rate-regulated electricity distributors will have until **September 29, 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 **October 6, 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-2024-0129** 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 email address.

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- 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.

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Yours truly,

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