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**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors  
All Licensed Electricity Transmitters  
Independent Electricity System Operator  
All Other Interested Stakeholders**

**Re: Regional Planning Process Review Consultation – Further Information on  
Cost Awards  
Ontario Energy Board File No: EB-2020-0176**

On December 10, 2020, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) (December 10<sup>th</sup> letter) that initiated a consultation to undertake a review of the regional planning process that applies to Ontario's electricity sector.

The December 10<sup>th</sup> letter indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible participants for participation in meetings of the Regional Planning Process Advisory Group (RPPAG), to a maximum of actual meeting time plus 50% of meeting time for preparation and reporting. That letter also stated details on subsequent consultation activities eligible for cost awards would be provided at a later date.

As part of this consultation process, RPPAG members will be undertaking a review and providing feedback on the RPPAG's Report to the OEB which sets out the RPPAG's recommendations for the OEB's consideration. As this is an extension of the work of the RPPAG, the OEB has determined that cost awards will be available to eligible participants who are members of the RPPAG to a maximum of eight hours for this activity.

As noted in the December 10<sup>th</sup> letter, cost awards will be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, and will be recovered from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors (65% of the costs awarded) and all rate-regulated licensed transmitters (35% of the costs awarded). Within the distributor class, costs awarded will be apportioned based on respective customer numbers. Within the transmitter class, apportionment will be based on respective revenues (using the most recent three-year average from their audited financial statements or similar documentation).

Any questions related to this letter should be directed to Chris Cincar at [Chris.Cincar@oeb.ca](mailto:Chris.Cincar@oeb.ca). The OEB's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

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