

Multi-year Electricity Distribution Rate Setting Plan

Cost of Capital (EB-2006-0088) and 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation Mechanism (EB-2006-0089)

Appendix B to Letter Dated April 27, 2006

Cost Awards

Eligibility

The Board will determine eligibility for costs in accordance with its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. Any person intending to request an award of costs must file with the Board a written submission to that effect, identifying the nature of the person's interest in this process and the grounds on which the person believes that it is eligible for an award of costs, addressing the Board's cost eligibility criteria as set out in section 3 of the *Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. An explanation of any other funding to which the person has access must also be provided, as should the name and credentials of any lawyer, analyst or consultant that the person intends to retain, if known.

Activities Eligible for Cost Awards

Consultations with Board Staff (Phase 1)

Cost awards will be available in relation to consultations with Board staff on its proposals. Specifically, costs will be available for attendance at meetings with Board staff and for time spent in preparation for the meeting. Preparation time will be limited to a percentage (yet to be determined) of actual meeting time.

Written Submissions during Formal Code Notice and Comment (Phase II)

Cost awards will be available in relation to written submissions on the Board's proposed Codes during each round of the formal notice and comment process, up to a maximum of 21 hours for each Code, or such additional time as the Board may permit.

Cost Awards

When determining the amount of the cost awards, the Board will apply the principles set out in section 5 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The maximum hourly rates set out in the Board's Cost Awards Tariff will also be applied.

The Board expects that groups representing the same interests or class of persons will make every effort to communicate and co-ordinate their participation in this process.