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June 18, 2015

TO: All Rate-Regulated Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Rate-Regulated Licensed Electricity Transmitters
Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area

RE: **Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards**
Smart Grid Advisory Committee
OEB File Number: EB-2013-0294

Background

On August 15, 2013 the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) (the August Letter) addressing cost awards related to the work of the OEB's Smart Grid Advisory Committee (the SGAC). The OEB indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act) for their participation on the SGAC and that costs awarded will be recovered from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors (80% of the costs awarded) and all rate-regulated licensed electricity transmitters (20% of the costs awarded), apportioned within each class based on distribution or transmission revenues, as applicable.

The August Letter also set out the OEB's determinations regarding cost award eligibility and activities eligible for cost awards as follows:

- i. the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO) and the Building Owners and Managers Association of the GTA (BOMA) were determined to be eligible for an award of costs in relation to their participation on the SGAC; and

- ii. eligible participants will be allowed to claim costs for actual time spent in each SGAC meeting, plus up to a maximum of three hours for preparation and reporting.

In accordance with the OEB's [Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards](#) dated January 27, 2014, cost awards are also available for actual time spent in each 'storage working group' meeting, plus up to a maximum of three hours for preparation and reporting. BOMA is a member of the 'storage working group' and is eligible for an award of costs in relation to its participation on that working group.

The work of the SGAC is expected to be ongoing with no specific end-date, and the OEB intends to address cost awards related to the SGAC periodically. This Notice addresses cost awards associated with SGAC and 'storage working group' activities for the 2014 calendar year.

The SGAC and 'storage working group' meetings held in 2014 (including the start and end times of each meeting) are listed below.

SGAC

January 21, 2014: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

March 4, 2014: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

April 29, 2014: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Storage working group

January 16, 2014: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

February 11, 2014: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

February 18, 2014: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

February 25, 2014: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

March 19, 2014: 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

April 17, 2014: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Although a member of the SGAC, AMPCO did not participate in any of the 2014 SGAC meetings, and it is not a member of the 'storage working group'.

Notice of Hearing

The OEB is initiating a hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that will be made in accordance with section 30 of the Act in relation to the eligible activities identified above. The file number for this hearing is **EB-2013-0294**.

The OEB intends to proceed by way of written hearing unless a party can satisfy the OEB that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If a party wants to object to a written hearing, the objection must be received by the OEB no later than **7 days** after the date of this Notice. Assuming that the OEB does not receive any objections to a written hearing, the hearing will follow the process set out below.

1. BOMA shall submit its cost claim by **Thursday, June 25, 2015**. The cost claim must be filed with the OEB and one copy is to be served on each rate regulated licensed electricity distributor and each rate regulated licensed electricity transmitter. The cost claim must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The Cost Claim Form attached as Appendix A to this Notice must be used.

2. Electricity distributors and electricity transmitters will have until **Thursday, July 9, 2015** to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. The objection must be filed with the OEB and one copy must be served on BOMA.
3. BOMA will have until **Thursday, July 16, 2015** to file with the OEB a reply submission as to why its cost claim should be allowed. One copy of the reply submission is to be served on the objecting party.
4. The OEB will then issue its decision on cost awards. The OEB's costs may also be addressed in the cost awards decision.

Service of cost claims, objections and reply submissions on other parties may be effected by courier, registered mail, facsimile or e-mail.

Parties must file two paper copies and one electronic copy of their filings with the OEB Secretary by **4:45 pm** on the required dates. The OEB requests that parties make every effort to provide electronic copies of their filings in searchable / unrestricted Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format, and to submit their filings through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. A user ID is required to submit documents through the OEB's web portal. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-filings services" webpage on the OEB's website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca, and fill out a user ID password request. Additionally, interested parties are requested to

follow the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the document entitled "RESS Document Preparation – A Quick Guide" also found on the e-filing services webpage. If the OEB's web portal is not available, electronic copies of filings may be filed by e-mail at boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca. Persons that do not have internet access should provide a CD containing their filing in PDF format.

All filings must quote file number **EB-2013-0294** and include your name, address telephone number and, where available, your e-mail address and fax number.

All filings in this hearing (i.e., cost claims, objections, or replies), will form part of the public record. Copies of the filings will be available for inspection at the OEB's office during normal business hours and the filings may be placed on the OEB's website.

If the filing is from a private citizen (i.e., not a lawyer representing a client, not a consultant representing a client or organization, not an individual in an organization that represents the interests of consumers or other groups, and not an individual from a regulated entity), before making the filing available for viewing at the OEB's offices or placing the filing on the OEB's website, the OEB will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the filing (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the filing may be available for viewing at the OEB's offices and will be placed on the OEB's website.

If you do not file a letter objecting to a written hearing or do not participate in the hearing by filing written materials in accordance with this Notice, the OEB may proceed without your participation and you will not be entitled to further notice in this proceeding.

Dated at Toronto, June 18, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

attach: Appendix A

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Appendix A

**OEB Cost Claim for Consultations:
Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements**

The forms that must be completed are provided in a separate MS Excel Workbook named, "[EB-2013-0294 NOH Appendix A - Cost Claim Form.xls](#)" issued with this Notice.