

Attachment A

to

Notice of Proposed Amendments to Codes and a Rule and Notice of Hearing

December 18, 2018

EB-2017-0183

COST AWARDS

Cost Award Eligibility

The OEB 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 OEB a written submission to that effect by **December 28, 2018**, 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 cost eligibility criteria as set out in section 3 of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*). All requests for cost eligibility will be posted by the OEB.

Rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors and rate-regulated natural gas distributors will be provided with an opportunity to object to any of the requests for cost award eligibility. If an electricity or natural gas distributor has any objections to any of the requests for cost eligibility, those objections must be filed with the OEB by **January 7, 2019**. Any objections will be posted by the OEB. The OEB will then make a final determination on the cost eligibility of the requesting participants.

The customer representatives that were determined eligible for an award of costs in relation to earlier stages of this initiative are considered eligible for costs in relation to the provision of comments on the proposed amendments and the Draft Rate Order. As such, they need not submit a request for cost eligibility.

Cost Eligible Activities and Hours

Cost awards will be available in relation to the provision of comments on Attachments B, C, D, E, and F to a **maximum of 15 hours**.

Cost Awards

When determining the amount of the cost awards, the OEB will apply the principles set out in section 5 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The maximum hourly rates set out in the OEB's Cost Awards Tariff will also be applied. The OEB expects that groups representing the same interests or class of persons will make every effort to

communicate and coordinate their participation in this process. Interested parties are reminded that cost awards are made available on a per eligible participant basis, regardless of the number of professional advisors that an eligible participant may wish to retain.

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* to implement the payment of the cost awards. Therefore, the OEB will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards in this process. For more information on this process, please see the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and the October 27, 2005 letter regarding the rationale for the OEB acting as a clearing house for the cost award payments. These documents can be found on the OEB's Rules, Codes, and Requirements webpage.