



January 24, 2022

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Other Interested Parties**

**Re: Stakeholder Meeting on the Design of an “Optional Enhanced” Time of Use
(TOU) Rate
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2022-0074**

In a November 16, 2021 [letter](#), the Minister of Energy asked the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to report back and advise on the design(s) of an “optional enhanced” time of use (TOU) rate to further incent demand-shifting away from peak periods to lower-demand periods. As part of the development of this design, the OEB is inviting interested parties to a stakeholder meeting to seek input on the proposed optional enhanced TOU price plan design. Stakeholders will also have the opportunity to submit written comments following this stakeholder meeting. Stakeholder input will inform the OEB’s report back to the Ministry of Energy which the Minister has asked to be delivered by April 1, 2022.

Stakeholder Event Details

The OEB will host a virtual stakeholder meeting on **February 17, 2022**, from **1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Stakeholders who intend to participate in the meeting are asked to email notice of their intention to RPP.Price.Design@oeb.ca by **February 10, 2022**. Emails should include “EB-2022-0074 Design of an Optional Enhanced TOU Rate” in the subject line and provide the following information:

- participant/organization name;
- name(s) of attendees to be registered; and
- a contact name, telephone number and email address.

Invitation to Submit Written Comments

Stakeholders are invited to submit written comments on the materials presented at the stakeholder meeting. The presentation slides, along with a list of topics and questions for feedback, will be provided to participants in advance. Comments must be submitted

to the OEB by **February 25, 2022**. Instructions on making a submission are set out below.

Cost Award Matters

Cost awards will be available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for participation in the stakeholder meeting. Any participant already found to be eligible for cost awards in the Regulated Price Plan Pilot Meta-Analysis Final Report consultation (EB-2016-0201) will be eligible for cost awards for this engagement and need not reapply (refer to Appendix A for list of eligible participants). Costs awarded will be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors. Further information regarding cost awards is included in Appendix A to this letter.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to RPP.Price.Design@oeb.ca.

Sincerely,

Nancy Marconi
Acting Registrar

Attachment: Appendix A Cost Awards Matters

Appendix A

Cost Award Matters

Cost Award Eligibility

Any participant already found to be eligible for cost awards under EB-2016-0201 (see list of eligible participants below) will be eligible for cost awards for this engagement.

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 **January 31, 2022**. The submission must identify the grounds on which the person believes that it is eligible for an award of costs (addressing the OEB's cost eligibility criteria as set out in section 3 of the *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. All requests for cost eligibility will be posted on the OEB's website.

If a licensed electricity distributor has any objections to any of the requests for cost eligibility, such objections must be filed with the OEB by **February 7, 2022**. Any objections will be posted on the OEB's website. The OEB will then make a final determination on the cost eligibility of the requesting participants.

Eligible Activities

Cost awards will be available for participation in the associated stakeholder meeting. The maximum number of hours allowed per participant for the eligible activities are:

Attendance at Stakeholder Meeting	3 hrs
Written comments	6 hrs

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 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 co-ordinate their participation in this process. In accordance with section 12 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* 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*.

How to File Materials

Parties 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](#).

Please quote file number **EB-2022-0074** for all materials filed and kindly 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, fax number and e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#).
- Stakeholders are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the web portal can contact registrar@oeb.ca for assistance.

All communications regarding cost award matters should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received at the address below by end of business on the required date.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca
Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (Toll-free)

Cost Awards

In the Regulated Price Plan Pilot Meta-Analysis Final Report consultation (EB-2016-0201), the OEB made cost awards available under section 30 to the following participants:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC)
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

Given the related nature of this consultation to EB-2016-0201, the OEB finds that cost awards will continue to be available under section 30 of the OEB Act to eligible participants. Those participants who were found eligible for costs in EB-2016-0201 will maintain their eligibility in the Design(s) of an Optional Enhanced TOU Rate (EB-2022-0074) and are not required to reapply.