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BY EMAIL

July 19, 2023

To: Financial Assistance Working Group

Re: Review of Low-income Energy Assistance Program - Emergency Financial Assistance (LEAP EFA) - Board File No.: EB-2023-0135

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is undertaking a review of the Low-income Energy Assistance Program - Emergency Financial Assistance (LEAP EFA). In doing so, it will engage the Financial Assistance Working Group (FAWG) to help inform the review.

Approach

Building upon the past valued and informed work of the FAWG, and in particular the advice received as part of the 2018 LEAP EFA review, the OEB is seeking members' input on:

1. Results from the 2018 review and proposed draft program enhancements that were prepared in response to the input received from the FAWG and consumer outreach; and
2. Approaches and mechanisms to measure program effectiveness.

To support the discussions materials from the 2018 review and stakeholder input from past review processes will be provided to confirmed participants at least five days prior to the meeting.

Meeting Invitation

The OEB is inviting FAWG members to a virtual meeting (held via Microsoft Teams) in August 2023. Our proposed meeting dates are:

- Wednesday August 9, 2023, from 1-4 p.m.

OR

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- Wednesday August 16, 2023, from 1-4 p.m.

We value your input and hope you can join us for this important discussion. Please confirm your intention to participate, along with your preferred meeting date, by August 4, 2023.

Cost Awards

Cost awards will be available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for participation in the meetings. Specifically, FAWG members that were deemed eligible for cost awards in previous OEB consultations will be allowed up to 8 hours for their preparation and participation in the meeting (the OEB will only provide cost awards for one attendee per group). Please refer to the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#) for information about the types of costs that may be claimed. Costs awarded will be recovered from rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors and rate-regulated gas distributors.

To confirm your attendance and if you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Sophie Rousseau at 2023LEAPReview@oeb.ca or 416-440-8136.

Yours truly,



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