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January 7, 2021

**To: All Registered Stakeholders  
All Other Interested Parties**

**Re: Consultation on the Deferral Account – Impacts Arising from the COVID-19  
Emergency (EB-2020-0133)**

**January 14, 2021 Webinar – Revised Start Time**

On December 16, 2020, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) posted on the [webpage](#) for this consultation a proposal setting out OEB staff's initial views on the scope of the COVID-19 deferral account (Staff Proposal), as well as four supporting reports prepared by London Economics International LLC (LEI). The OEB also invited stakeholders to a webinar on January 14, 2021 where they would have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions to OEB staff and LEI.

The OEB initially indicated that the webinar would take place from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. In response to a suggestion from some stakeholders that more time be provided, the OEB will extend the webinar from 2.5 hours to 5 hours. The webinar will now be held on **January 14, 2021 from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm**. The webinar will not be transcribed or recorded.

An agenda for the webinar is attached as Appendix A.

Details for the webinar will be communicated to all registered stakeholders in due course via a separate email from OEB staff. Registered stakeholders in this Consultation do not need to pre-register. However, if a participant would like to attend the webinar and is not a registered stakeholder, please register for the webinar by **January 11, 2021**, by emailing Fiona O'Connell at [fiona.oconnell@oeb.ca](mailto:fiona.oconnell@oeb.ca), providing contact information for each attendee.

**Extension of Deadline for Filing Reply Comments**

The OEB notes that two stakeholders requested an extension of the deadline set out in the OEB's December 16, 2020 letter for filing brief reply comments on other

stakeholders' comments. The OEB is extending this deadline by one week, from February 4, 2021 to **February 11, 2021**.

### **Cost Awards for the Consultation**

One stakeholder raised concerns that the maximum number of hours (five) allotted for preparation and attendance at the webinar was insufficient. Given the change made to allow for more time for the webinar, the OEB will increase the total combined hours to 45. The OEB appreciates that some stakeholders may choose to spend additional time to prepare for the webinar. Accordingly, the OEB will also allow cost eligible stakeholders to reallocate their time preparing for the webinar, for the purposes of claiming activities eligible for cost awards, provided that the total hours claimed are limited to 45 hours combined for each of the following activities:

<b>Activity Eligible for Cost Awards</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Hours</b>
Preparation for and attendance at the webinar	45 hours
Written comments on the Staff Proposal	
Reply comments on other stakeholders' comments	

### **Closing**

Any questions related to this consultation may be sent to Fiona O'Connell at [fiona.oconnell@oeb.ca](mailto:fiona.oconnell@oeb.ca).

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

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Registrar

Appendix A - Stakeholder Webinar Agenda

**Appendix A  
to Cover Letter Dated January 7, 2021  
EB-2020-0133 Stakeholder Webinar Agenda  
January 14, 2021**

**Date/Time:** January 14, 2021  
10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Welcome Remarks – OEB Staff, Ted Antonopoulos, Vice-President Applications Division
10:45 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	Presentation on LEI Reports, AJ Goulding, President, London Economics International LLC
11:25 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Presentation on Staff Proposal – OEB Staff, Alex Share, Manager, Incentive Rate-Setting & Regulatory Accounting
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Stakeholder questions for LEI and OEB staff
12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Stakeholder questions for LEI and OEB staff (continued)
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks – OEB Staff, Ted Antonopoulos, Vice-President Applications Division