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DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

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Green Button Implementation

By Delegation Before: **Brian Hewson**
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On July 5, 2021, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) initiating a consultation on the implementation of Green Button by electricity and gas distributors, including composition of a task force to assist the OEB in identifying additional guidance or direction that would support implementation.

The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and made provision for stakeholders to apply for eligibility. Due to the timelines of this consultation, the OEB waived the normal process of allowing objections to be filed in respect of cost eligibility requests.

The following organizations applied for cost award eligibility:

- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Pollution Probe (PP)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

This cost eligibility decision is being issued by delegated authority under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The OEB finds that BOMA, PP and SEC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

As indicated in its July 5, 2021 letter, the OEB expects that cost-award eligible participants with similar viewpoints should coordinate their activities in order to reduce costs. Such efforts will be taken into account by the OEB during the decision on award of costs. Consultation activities for which cost-award eligible participants may claim costs will be announced as the consultation progresses.

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