

DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

EB-2022-0160

Enabling the Implementation of an Ultra-Low Overnight Price Plan

By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

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On August 15, 2022, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a <u>letter</u> inviting interested parties to a stakeholder meeting to discuss how to enable implementation of an Ultra-Low Overnight Price Plan for electricity consumers on the Regulated Price Plan.

The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.* The letter provided a list of participants currently eligible for cost awards and made provision for additional stakeholders to apply for eligibility and for licensed electricity distributors to object.

The OEB received one request for cost award eligibility from Three Fires Group Inc. (Three Fires). No objections were received in relation to this request.

The OEB finds that Three Fires is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

The OEB further notes 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 are described in the stakeholder meeting invitation letter referenced above.

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