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To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Licensed Transmitters
All Licensed Unit Sub-Meter Providers
Participants in consultations EB-2019-0207 and EB-2021-0117
All Other Interested Parties

Re: **Electric Vehicle Integration (EVI) Initiative (EB-2023-0071)**
Electric Delivery Rates for Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Report and
Invitation to Stakeholder Meeting

Today, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) released its consultant report on [Electricity Delivery Rates for EV Charging](#) (the Report). The OEB is now inviting stakeholders to a meeting on May 24, 2023, to discuss details of the Report.

Background on the Report

As part of its work under the EVI Initiative, the OEB commissioned a consultant, Power Advisory, to complete an analysis of the impact delivery costs have on EV charging service providers and owners of EV fleets, and explore alternative delivery rate designs to determine how they may support EV adoption while adhering to sound ratemaking principles. The analysis includes commentary on the anticipated impact of those delivery rate designs on EV and non-EV consumers. This work is based, in part, on stakeholder feedback in related forums that delivery costs, and in particular demand charges, may serve as an impediment for public charging service providers and EV fleet owners, particularly in cases where charger utilization is low.

Invitation to Participate in Stakeholder Meeting

The OEB is inviting interested stakeholders to a virtual meeting on **May 24, 2023**, from **1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Present the Report's findings on the impact of existing electricity delivery rates on EV adoption and the alternative rate designs explored by the consultant.
- Gather feedback from stakeholders on the Report's findings.

The OEB recognizes that this topic is of interest to many parties, and therefore welcomes feedback from a broad cross-section of industry stakeholders, whether or not they are directly involved with EVs. Stakeholders will also be invited to provide written feedback after the stakeholder meeting.

Participation

Interested parties who wish to participate in the stakeholder meeting are asked to register by emailing evintegration@oeb.ca by **April 27, 2023**.

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 consultation. Costs awarded will be recovered from all licensed rate-regulated 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 evintegration@oeb.ca. The OEB's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

The OEB recommends interested stakeholders sign up to the EVI Engage with Us [webpage](#) for future updates.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

Appendix A Cost Award Matters

Cost Award Eligibility

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 **April 27, 2023**. 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 rate-regulated electricity distributor has any objections to any of the requests for cost eligibility, such objections must be filed with the OEB by **May 4, 2023**. 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

The eligible activities are as follows:

| Activities Eligible for Cost Awards | Maximum number of hours |
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| Attendance and participation in the May 24 th stakeholder meeting | 3 hours |
| Preparation for May 24 th stakeholder meeting | 1.5 hours |
| Written comments on the Report (due June 7th) | 6 hours |

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

Stakeholders 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-2023-0071** for all materials filed and 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 and email address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [File documents online page](#) on the OEB's website.
- Stakeholders are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#) or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact registrar@oeb.ca for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to Electric Delivery Rates for Electric Vehicle Charging Report, stakeholders should include Justin Malecki at evintegration@oeb.ca.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll free)