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To: All Licensed Rate-Regulated Electricity Distributors
Participants in consultation EB-2023-0071
All Other Interested Parties

Re: **Electric Vehicle Integration (EVI) Initiative (EB-2023-0071)**
Electricity Delivery Rates for Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging
Invitation for Stakeholder Comment on Revised Proposal

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) invites written comments from stakeholders on a revised proposal for an Electric Vehicle Charging Rate (EVC Rate). The revised proposal incorporates feedback that the OEB received from stakeholders on the OEB's initial EVC Rate proposal, which was published for stakeholder comment in 2024.

The EVC Rate responds to direction from the Minister of Energy to the OEB to consider rate design options for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging. It aims to support the efficient integration of EVs in Ontario. The EVC Rate will reduce the Retail Transmission Service Rates that participating EV charging stations will pay.

The materials related to the OEB's revised EVC Rate proposal are available on the OEB's Engage with Us EV Integration [webpage](#).

The OEB invites written comments on the OEB's revised EVC Rate proposal by January 31, 2025. Steps to file written comments using the OEB's online filing portal are provided in this letter.

Background on the Proposed EVC Rate

The 2023 report: The OEB commissioned a consultant, Power Advisory, to analyze the impact that delivery costs have on EV charging and explore alternative delivery rate designs to support EV adoption while adhering to sound ratemaking principles.

Power Advisory's report, [Electricity Delivery Rates for EV Charging](#), was released on April 13, 2023. The OEB held a stakeholder meeting on May 24, 2023, to get feedback on the report and sought written feedback from stakeholders afterward.

The initial draft EVC Rate proposal (2024): Based on stakeholder feedback, and additional analysis conducted by its consultant, OEB staff developed an initial draft proposal for an EVC Rate that improves cost causality and better supports the efficient integration of EVs in Ontario. The proposal was summarized in a [discussion paper](#) that was published on May 1, 2024.

The OEB held a webinar on June 13, 2024, to review the discussion paper with stakeholders and invited written comments from stakeholders. Written comments received from stakeholders on the OEB's discussion paper are available on the OEB's Advanced Regulatory Document Search [website](#).

The revised EVC Rate proposal (2025): The OEB's revised EVC Rate proposal incorporates stakeholder feedback that was received on its 2024 initial draft proposal.

The materials related to the OEB's revised proposal include an overview document which summarizes the EVC Rate, as well as a supplemental companion document. The companion document provides additional context around key elements of the EVC Rate and explains how the OEB considered stakeholder comments that were received on its draft EVC Rate proposal. The materials also include additional analysis prepared by the OEB's consultant, Power Advisory, on charging station demand patterns at various types of charging station locations.

Invitation to Provide Written Comments on the Revised EVC Rate Proposal

The OEB invites written comments from stakeholders on the OEB's revised EVC Rate proposal. The OEB encourages stakeholders to focus their comments on the EVC Rate overview document, which summarizes proposed eligibility requirements, outlines various implementation matters, and includes draft standard conditions of approval for Distribution Rate Orders under Section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

Cost Award Matters

Cost awards will be available to eligible participants in the EVI Initiative (EB-2023-0071) under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for providing written comments on the OEB's revised EVC Rate proposal. 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.

Filing Guidelines

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.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

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

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

Appendix A Cost Award Matters

Eligible Activities

The eligible activities are as follows:

Activities Eligible for Cost Awards	Maximum number of hours
Written comments on the Revised Proposal (due January 31, 2025)	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*.