



# Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

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## DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

EB-2015-0363

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Cost award eligibility for interested parties and stakeholders participating in the consultation to develop a natural gas regulatory framework to support the implementation of Ontario's Cap and Trade program

**BEFORE:**            **Cathy Spoel**  
Member

**Christine Long**  
Member

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April 22, 2016

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In a letter dated March 10, 2016 (“the cover letter”), the Ontario Energy Board initiated a consultation to develop a natural gas regulatory framework to support the implementation of Ontario’s Cap and Trade program. The purpose of the initiative is to develop a framework to guide the OEB’s assessment of natural gas distributors’ Cap and Trade Compliance Plans, including the cost consequences of these plans and the mechanism for recovery of costs in rates. The consultation process will identify key issues of a Cap and Trade regulatory framework for natural gas distributors as well as options to address those issues.

A list of registered participants in this consultation is attached as Appendix A. Stakeholders that filed requests to participate after the March 22, 2016 due date are responsible for requesting any documentation or notices sent to registered participants prior to the date their request was received by the Board.

The cover letter notified stakeholders that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to their participation in eligible activities as set out in Appendix A of the cover letter. The cover letter also indicated that any costs awarded will be recovered from all rate regulated natural gas distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

The Board received requests for cost award eligibility from the following participants:

Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)  
Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)  
Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)  
Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)  
Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)  
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)  
School Energy Coalition (SEC)  
Environmental Defence  
Ontario Sustainable Energy Association  
Green Energy Coalition (GEC)  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture  
Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)  
Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA)  
Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)  
Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)  
London Property Management Association  
Ontario Mining Association  
Low-Income Energy Network

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**Eligible Activities**

As per the policy initiation letter, dated March 10, 2016, cost awards will be available in relation to participation in the Stakeholder Consultation and in relation to the submission of written comments on the Staff Discussion Paper.

ACTIVITY	TOTAL ELIGIBLE HOURS PER PARTICIPANT
Preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on a stakeholder meeting of up to one (1) day in length	Up to 11 hours
Written comments on Staff Discussion Paper	Up to 24 hours

As other activities are scheduled as part of this consultation, the OEB will provide participants with further details regarding costs for those activities

No objections were received to any of the above requests for cost eligibility. All of the above listed participants are eligible to request an award of costs in the current consultation.

**DATED** at Toronto April 22, 2016

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**APPENDIX A**  
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**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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