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To: **Registered Participants in the Consultation for Benefit-Cost Analysis Framework for Addressing Electricity System Needs**

Re: **Stakeholder Feedback | Draft Phase One Benefit-Cost Analysis Framework, Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2023-0125**

Having incorporated feedback received from the [project plan](#) issued in October 2023, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is now seeking stakeholder input on its draft Phase One Benefit-Cost Analysis Framework for Addressing Electricity System Needs (Framework). The current version of the Framework is an early draft and is being distributed to maximize the opportunity for stakeholder feedback. The OEB will streamline the overall format and language of the Framework prior to issuing the final document.

Registered stakeholder participants are invited to provide written feedback on the draft Framework by **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**. Instructions for submitting written feedback and comments are in Appendix A to this letter. All feedback received will be publicly available on [OEB.ca](#).

A separate document with two examples showing the use of the draft Framework is also provided for review by registered stakeholder participants. One of the examples includes a numerical worked-out sample. These examples are provided for illustrative purposes only and are not a pre-judgement or pre-approval of any non-wires solution or approach. The OEB does not currently envision including these examples in the final report.

While the OEB invites feedback on the entirety of the draft Framework, participants are encouraged to closely review Section 2 which addresses the intended purpose and use as well as associated requirements for electricity distributors.

The draft Framework is still in development and is not an OEB policy at this time.

Cost Award Matters

Cost awards will be available to eligible participants, as determined in the consultation initiation [letter](#), to a maximum of four (4) hours for review and comment on the draft BCA Framework. Details on any subsequent consultation activities eligible for cost awards will be provided at a later date.

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. 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 coordinate 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](#).

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Alexander Di Ilio at alexander.diilio@oeb.ca, 416-440-7718, or toll-free 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

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Registrar

Attachment(s):

- (i) Draft Phase One BCA Framework
- (ii) Draft Phase One BCA Reporting Template
- (iii) Draft BCA Framework Examples and Worked-out Sample

Appendix A – How to File Materials

All written materials sent to the OEB in response to this letter will be placed on the public record and posted on the OEB's website.

If the written materials are from a private citizen (i.e., not a lawyer representing a client, not a consultant representing a client or organization, not an individual in an organization that represents the interests of consumers or other groups, and not an individual from a regulated entity), the OEB will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information (e.g., address, phone number and e-mail address) before placing the materials on the public record and posting the materials on the OEB's website. However, your name and the entire content of your materials will be placed on the public record and posted on the OEB's website. If the written materials are from a person acting in a professional or business capacity, all information in the written materials will be publicly available.

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-2023-0125** 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 e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found on 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.

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