



Proposed Criteria to Evaluate Cost Recovery Options

Criterion	Description
Compliance with legislative and other requirements	Collection of recoverable costs in compliance with applicable legislation: <i>National Energy Board Act</i> Section 24.1 (1), <i>Financial Administration Act</i> , <i>User Fees Act</i> and related regulations, Government of Canada policy on Service Standards for External Fees, 29 Nov. 2004.
Operational simplicity	The method should be relatively easy to implement and for use both the NEB and industry.
Equity	The interests of various stakeholders should be balanced.
Predictability /Stability of charges	Predictable revenues to cover the Board's annual expenses and to allow companies to predict with reasonable accuracy what their cost recovery bills will be in a given year (avoiding highly inconsistent annual cost recovery revenues and an undue administrative burden).
Cost causation	This is based on the 'user pay' principle. To the extent possible, costs should flow to the parties who caused these costs to be incurred.

Definition of Criterion/criteria: A standard, rule, or test on which a judgment or decision can be based.