



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2016-0182

**Application of Demand Savings in Final Verified Conservation
Results in LDC Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM)
Claims**

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Christine Long
Vice Chair and Member

September 26, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

In a letter dated March 3, 2016, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) invited stakeholders to an open meeting to gather input on the approach to recording the revenue impact of demand (kW) savings in the Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA). On March 31, 2016, the OEB held a stakeholder meeting with representatives from electricity distributors and intervenors to discuss this topic.

In the letter, the OEB determined that any party who has been granted intervenor status and cost eligibility for a 2016 electricity rate application would be eligible for cost awards for attendance at the meeting, in accordance with the *OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

On May 19, 2016, the OEB issued the *Report of the Ontario Energy Board, Updated Policy for the Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Calculation*.

The OEB considers it appropriate to apportion cost awards for this initiative in a manner consistent with the revised Cost Assessment Model issued on February 9, 2016. Costs awarded will be apportioned within the distributor class based on customer numbers rather than revenues. This apportionment is reflected in Schedule A.

The OEB received cost claims from the Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), London Property Management Association (LPMA) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC). No objections were received.

OEB Findings

The OEB approves all the cost claims as filed. The OEB notes that the March 31, 2016 meeting ended at 12:30 p.m. instead of 12:00 p.m. as specified in the March 3, 2016 letter. The OEB finds that each of the eligible participants is entitled to 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding and finds that the claims of CCC, LPMA and VECC are reasonable. The OEB approves cost awards for the eligible participants as follows:

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| • Consumers Council of Canada | \$1,118.70 |
| • London Property Management Association | \$1,443.04 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$857.51 |

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each licensed electricity distributor in relation to costs awarded to each eligible participant is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order. However, the amounts will not be paid directly by the distributor to the participant. The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of the *Practice Direction* to implement the payment of the cost awards. Therefore, the OEB will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards relating to this consultation process. Invoices will be issued to distributors at the same time as the invoices for cost assessments are made under section 26 of the Act. The practice of the OEB is to issue to each licensed distributor one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by the distributor for the relevant period. As a result, the invoice may cover cost awards payable in relation to a number of consultations, including this one.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Each distributor listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall pay the amounts set out in Schedule A in relation to the costs awarded to each eligible participant.
2. Each distributor listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this consultation.
3. The payments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be made to the OEB in accordance with the invoice issued to each distributor, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

DATED at Toronto September 26, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Schedule A
OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards
EB-2016-0182

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	CCC	LPMA	VECC	Total
Algoma Power Inc.	2.63	3.39	2.02	\$ 8.04
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	0.38	0.48	0.29	\$ 1.15
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	0.10	0.13	0.08	\$ 0.32
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	8.13	10.49	6.24	\$ 24.86
Brantford Power Inc.	8.71	11.24	6.68	\$ 26.63
Burlington Hydro Inc.	14.96	19.30	11.47	\$ 45.72
Energy + Inc.	14.06	18.13	10.78	\$ 42.97
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	6.46	8.33	4.95	\$ 19.75
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	1.51	1.95	1.16	\$ 4.63
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	0.28	0.37	0.22	\$ 0.87
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	9.13	11.78	7.00	\$ 27.91
Collus PowerStream Corp.	3.65	4.71	2.80	\$ 11.15
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	0.44	0.57	0.34	\$ 1.36
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	2.66	3.43	2.04	\$ 8.12
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	45.15	58.24	34.61	\$ 138.00
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	19.47	25.12	14.92	\$ 59.51
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation	4.13	5.33	3.17	\$ 12.63
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	0.75	0.96	0.57	\$ 2.28
Essex Powerlines Corporation	6.42	8.28	4.92	\$ 19.62
Festival Hydro Inc.	4.57	5.89	3.50	\$ 13.96
Fort Albany Power Corporation	0.06	0.08	0.05	\$ 0.19
Fort Frances Power Corporation	0.85	1.09	0.65	\$ 2.59
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	10.64	13.72	8.16	\$ 32.52
Grimsby Power Incorporated	2.42	3.12	1.86	\$ 7.40
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	11.82	15.25	9.06	\$ 36.13
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	4.80	6.19	3.68	\$ 14.68
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	4.82	6.22	3.69	\$ 14.73
Horizon Utilities Corporation	53.97	69.62	41.37	\$ 164.97
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	1.25	1.61	0.96	\$ 3.82

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	CCC	LPMA	VECC	Total
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	0.63	0.81	0.48	\$ 1.91
Hydro 2000 Inc.	0.28	0.36	0.21	\$ 0.84
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	32.97	42.53	25.27	\$ 100.77
Hydro One Networks Inc.	280.29	361.55	214.85	\$ 856.69
Hydro One Remote Communities Incorporated	0.80	1.03	0.61	\$ 2.44
Hydro Ottawa Limited	71.14	91.77	54.53	\$ 217.44
Innpower Corporation	3.48	4.49	2.67	\$ 10.64
Kashechewan Power Corporation	0.08	0.10	0.06	\$ 0.24
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	1.26	1.62	0.96	\$ 3.85
Kingston Hydro Corporation	6.12	7.90	4.69	\$ 18.71
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	20.37	26.27	15.61	\$ 62.25
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	2.23	2.88	1.71	\$ 6.82
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	2.99	3.86	2.29	\$ 9.14
London Hydro Inc.	34.16	44.07	26.19	\$ 104.41
Midland Power Utility Corporation	1.58	2.04	1.21	\$ 4.84
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	7.65	9.87	5.87	\$ 23.39
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	7.79	10.05	5.97	\$ 23.82
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	11.61	14.98	8.90	\$ 35.49
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	1.92	2.48	1.47	\$ 5.87
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	5.42	6.99	4.16	\$ 16.57
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	1.37	1.77	1.05	\$ 4.19
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	14.73	19.00	11.29	\$ 45.03
Orangeville Hydro Limited	2.61	3.36	2.00	\$ 7.97
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	2.99	3.86	2.29	\$ 9.15
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	12.22	15.76	9.36	\$ 37.34
Ottawa River Power Corporation	2.43	3.13	1.86	\$ 7.41
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	8.09	10.44	6.20	\$ 24.73
Powerstream Inc.	78.41	101.15	60.11	\$ 239.66
PUC Distribution Inc.	7.53	9.71	5.77	\$ 23.02
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	0.96	1.23	0.73	\$ 2.92
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	1.33	1.71	1.02	\$ 4.05
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	3.72	4.80	2.85	\$ 11.36

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	CCC	LPMA	VECC	Total
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	0.63	0.81	0.48	\$ 1.91
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	11.36	14.65	8.71	\$ 34.71
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	1.55	2.00	1.19	\$ 4.74
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	165.64	213.67	126.97	\$ 506.28
Veridian Connections Inc.	26.31	33.94	20.17	\$ 80.42
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	2.89	3.73	2.22	\$ 8.83
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	12.23	15.77	9.37	\$ 37.38
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	5.04	6.50	3.86	\$ 15.40
Wellington North Power Inc.	0.83	1.08	0.64	\$ 2.55
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	0.85	1.10	0.65	\$ 2.61
Westario Power Inc.	5.14	6.63	3.94	\$ 15.70
Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation	9.32	12.02	7.14	\$ 28.48
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	3.52	4.53	2.69	\$ 10.74

TOTAL

\$ 1,118.70	\$ 1,443.04	\$ 857.51	\$ 3,419.25
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