



EB-2008-0150

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost awards in relation to a
consultation process to examine issues relating to low
income consumers.

BEFORE Howard Wetston, QC
Presiding Member and Chair

**SUPPLEMENTARY DECISION AND ORDER
ON COST AWARDS**

April 28, 2009

Background

On March 17, 2009 the Board issued a Decision and Order on Cost Awards (the "Decision and Order") for this consultation in relation to costs for preparing for, attending at, and reporting on the stakeholder conference that was held from September 22 – 25, 2008, and for providing written comments following completion of the stakeholder conference.

Subsequent to the issuance of the Decision and Order, the Board received cost claims from Green Energy Coalition (GEC) and Green Light on a Better Environment (GLOBE).

In accordance with the Board's Decision on Cost Eligibility, issued August 15, 2008, GEC and GLOBE are eligible for an award of costs in this consultation.

GEC reported that its records indicate that it prepared a cost claim, but it is unsure whether it inadvertently failed to deliver the claim or whether the claim was lost en route.

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The Board has confirmed that it did not receive a cost claim from GEC prior to the filing dated March 23, 2009.

GLOBE reported that it did not receive or notice the Board's Notice, which requested that parties submit cost award documents by January 9, 2009. GLOBE did not file a cost claim by the required date. The Board has confirmed that the Notice was delivered to a representative of GLOBE.

The Board determined that it would consider the cost claims filed by GEC and GLOBE, and issued a letter, dated March 31, 2009, providing all natural gas distributors and licensed electricity distributors with the opportunity to file with the Board objections to any aspect of the costs claimed by GEC and GLOBE.

No objections to the cost claims submitted by GEC and GLOBE were received by the Board.

Board Findings on the Cost Claims of the Eligible Participants

The Board has reviewed the cost claims and finds that the cost claims filed by GEC and GLOBE are all within the approved overall limits set by the Board. The Board therefore finds that GEC and GLOBE are entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this consultation process.

The amount payable by each individual natural gas and licensed electricity distributor in relation to costs awarded to GEC and GLOBE are listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order.

In its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (the "Notice"), issued December 19, 2009, the Board requested that parties submit their cost claims by January 9, 2009. The Notice was sent by email to the contact person for each registered participant in the consultation, and was posted on the Board's website.

While the Board has accepted the cost claims by GEC and GLOBE that were filed after the due date set out in the Notice, in future, the Board expects all parties to file requested material in accordance with the due dates set by the Board.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The Board has determined that costs should be apportioned between gas distributors and licensed electricity distributors based on the Board's Cost Assessment Model. This results in an allocation of 23.5% of costs to gas distributors, and 76.5% of costs to licensed electricity distributors. As noted above, these costs will then be allocated to each distributor based on their respective distribution revenues.

As stated in the Notice, the Board will use the process set out in section 12 of the Practice Direction to implement the payment of the cost awards. Therefore, the Board 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 are invoices for cost assessments made under section 26 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act"). The practice of the Board is to issue to each 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 BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. The amounts to be paid by each individual distributor in relation to the costs awarded to GEC and GLOBE are as set out in Appendix A to this Decision and Order.
2. The individual distributors listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order shall pay the costs awarded to each GEC and GLOBE as set out in Appendix A.
3. Payment of cost awards and of the Board's costs referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 shall be made to the Ontario Energy Board in accordance with the invoice issued to the individual distributor, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

DATED at Toronto, April 28, 2009
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix A
to the Board's Supplementary Decision and Order on Cost Awards

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Consultation on Energy Issues Relating to Low Income Consumers

Natural Gas Distributor	Green Light on a Better Environment (GLOBE)	Green Energy Coalition
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.	2,263.02	609.94
Union Gas Ltd.	1,801.51	485.54
Natural Resource Gas	6.84	1.84
Total, Gas Distributors	4,071.37	1,097.32

Electricity Distributor	Green Light on a Better Environment (GLOBE)	Green Energy Coalition
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	4.46	1.20
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	4.35	1.17
Barrie Hydro Distribution Inc.	142.82	38.49
Bluewater Power Distribution Corp.	80.33	21.65
Brant County Power Inc.	30.02	8.09
Brantford Power Inc.	77.63	20.92
Burlington Hydro Inc.	140.39	37.84
Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc.	108.22	29.17
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	74.56	20.10
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	12.55	3.38
Chapleau Public Utilities Corp.	2.92	0.79
Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc.	69.76	18.80
Clinton Power Corp.	2.68	0.72
COLLUS Power Corp.	23.90	6.44
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	3.06	0.82
Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Ltd.	59.29	15.98
Dutton Hydro Ltd.	0.62	0.17
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	19.22	5.18
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	589.87	158.98
Enwin Powerlines Ltd.	223.75	60.31
Erie Thames Powerlines Corp.	38.00	10.24

Electricity Distributor	Green Light on a Better Environment (GLOBE)	Green Energy Coalition
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corp.	6.26	1.69
Essex Powerlines Corp.	49.87	13.44
Festival Hydro Inc.	47.51	12.80
Fort Albany Power Corp.	2.79	0.75
Fort Frances Power Corp.	7.10	1.91
Grand Valley Energy Inc.	1.16	0.31
Great Lakes Power Ltd.	66.09	17.81
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	107.69	29.03
Grimsby Power Inc.	16.94	4.57
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	120.14	32.38
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	60.90	16.41
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	42.96	11.58
Horizon Utilities Corporation	433.67	116.88
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	6.22	1.68
Hearst Power Distribution Company Ltd.	4.58	1.24
Hydro 2000 Inc.	1.24	0.33
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	313.33	84.45
Hydro One Networks Inc.	4,566.81	1,230.85
Hydro Ottawa Ltd.	634.86	171.11
Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Ltd.	33.52	9.03
Kashechewan Power Corp.	2.57	0.69
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	10.05	2.71
Kingston Electricity Distribution Ltd.	51.99	14.01

Electricity Distributor	Green Light on a Better Environment (GLOBE)	Green Energy Coalition
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	169.57	45.70
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	16.82	4.53
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	19.98	5.39
London Hydro Inc.	266.81	71.91
Middlesex Power Distribution Corp.	14.54	3.92
Midland Power Utility Corp.	14.50	3.91
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	52.96	14.27
Newbury Power Inc.	0.36	0.10
Newmarket - Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	78.71	21.21
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	132.81	35.80
Niagara-On-The-Lake Hydro Inc.	23.77	6.41
Norfolk Power Distribution Inc.	46.35	12.49
North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd.	51.05	13.76
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	11.31	3.05
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	146.58	39.51
Orangeville Hydro Ltd.	21.16	5.70
Orillia Power Distribution Corp.	32.03	8.63
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	91.71	24.72
Ottawa River Power Corp.	17.87	4.82
Parry Sound Power Corp.	9.22	2.49
Peterborough Distribution Inc.	63.15	17.02
PowerStream Inc.	590.20	159.07
PUC Distribution Inc.	61.47	16.57

Electricity Distributor	Green Light on a Better Environment (GLOBE)	Green Energy Coalition
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	8.07	2.17
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	7.85	2.12
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	31.24	8.42
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	7.44	2.01
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	82.87	22.34
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	12.93	3.49
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Ltd.	2,285.55	616.00
Veridian Connections Inc.	219.02	59.03
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	16.79	4.52
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	127.47	34.36
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	37.47	10.10
Wellington North Power Inc.	6.20	1.67
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	8.11	2.19
West Perth Power Inc.	3.79	1.02
Westario Power Inc.	40.14	10.82
Whitby Hydro Electric Corp.	95.82	25.83
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	33.29	8.97
Total, Electricity Distributors	13,253.63	3,572.14