



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 #2**

August 19, 2009

Background

On March 17, 2009, the Board issued a Decision and Order on Cost Awards (the "March Decision and Order") for the low-income consumer 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 providing written comments following completion of the stakeholder conference.

In August 2009, the Board became aware of an error in the calculation of the cost claim awarded to the School Energy Coalition ("SEC"). As set out in the March Decision and Order, the Board reduced the claim for SEC from 78.1 hours to 49.3 hours, as the hours claimed exceeded the allowed maximum for written comments. Appendix A to the March Decision and Order set out the amounts to be paid by each distributor in relation to the costs awarded to each eligible participant, including SEC. Appendix A to the March Decision and Order indicated that a total of \$1,456.11 was to be paid to SEC by

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the natural gas distributors, and a total of \$4,740.09 was to be paid by SEC by the electricity distributors. This amounted to a total cost claim amount of \$6,196.20. The invoices for the costs claimed in this consultation, including the amount for SEC, were sent out on April 1, 2009. While there is no change from the March Decision and Order regarding the number of hours allowed for SEC's cost award, the Board has been made aware that the amount granted to SEC, as set out in Appendix A to the March Decision and Order, was lower than the amount should have been for the number of hours approved for SEC.

Board Findings on the Cost Claims of SEC

The Board finds that the total paid to SEC should have been \$15,002.60. Since \$6,196.20 was already included in the March Decision and Order, there is a shortfall of \$8,806.40 in the amount to be paid to SEC. The Board therefore finds that SEC shall be paid \$8,806.40 by distributors in accordance with the rules set out below. This amount is the difference between what SEC was already paid and what it should have been paid in accordance with the hours allowed by the Board in the March Decision and Order.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

Consistent with the March Decision and Order, the Board has determined that the outstanding costs awarded to SEC 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. The outstanding costs awarded to SEC will then be allocated to each distributor based on their respective distribution revenues.

The Board will use the process set out in section 12 of the Practice Direction to implement the payment of the outstanding costs awarded to SEC. Therefore, the Board will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards relating to this outstanding amount. 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 cost award decisions, including this one.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. The amounts to be paid by each individual distributor in relation to the outstanding costs awarded to SEC are set out in Appendix A to this Supplementary Decision and Order #2.
2. The individual distributors listed in Appendix A to this Supplementary Decision and Order #2 shall pay the outstanding costs awarded to SEC as set out in Appendix A.
3. Payment of the outstanding costs awarded to SEC 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, August 19, 2009

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix A
to the Board's Supplementary Decision and Order on Cost Awards #2

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Consultation on Energy Issues Relating to Low Income Consumers

Natural Gas Distributor	School Energy Coalition (SEC)
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.	1,150.31
Union Gas Ltd.	915.72
Natural Resource Gas	3.47
Total, Gas Distributors	2,069.50

Electricity Distributor	School Energy Coalition (SEC)
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	2.27
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	2.21
Barrie Hydro Distribution Inc.	72.59
Bluewater Power Distribution Corp.	40.83
Brant County Power Inc.	15.26
Brantford Power Inc.	39.46
Burlington Hydro Inc.	71.36
Cambridge And North Dumfries Hydro Inc.	55.01
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	37.90
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	6.38
Chapleau Public Utilities Corp.	1.49
Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc.	35.46
Clinton Power Corp.	1.36
COLLUS Power Corp.	12.15
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	1.55
Cornwall Street Railway Light And Power Company Ltd.	30.14
Dutton Hydro Ltd.	0.32
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	9.77
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	299.83
Enwin Powerlines Ltd.	113.74
Erie Thames Powerlines Corp.	19.31
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corp.	3.18

Electricity Distributor	School Energy Coalition (SEC)
Essex Powerlines Corp.	25.35
Festival Hydro Inc.	24.15
Fort Albany Power Corp.	1.42
Fort Frances Power Corp.	3.61
Great Lakes Power Ltd.	33.60
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	54.74
Grimsby Power Inc.	8.61
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	61.07
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	30.96
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	21.84
Horizon Utilities Corporation	220.44
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	3.16
Hearst Power Distribution Company Ltd.	2.33
Hydro 2000 Inc.	0.63
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	159.27
Hydro One Networks Inc.	2,321.34
Hydro Ottawa Ltd.	322.70
Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Ltd.	17.04
Kashechewan Power Corp.	1.31
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	5.11
Kingston Electricity Distribution Ltd.	26.43
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	86.19
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	8.55

Electricity Distributor	School Energy Coalition (SEC)
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	10.16
London Hydro Inc.	135.62
Middlesex Power Distribution Corp.	7.39
Midland Power Utility Corp.	7.37
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	26.92
Newbury Power Inc.	0.18
Newmarket - Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	40.01
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	67.51
Niagara-On-The-Lake Hydro Inc.	12.08
Norfolk Power Distribution Inc.	23.56
North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd.	25.95
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	5.75
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	74.51
Orangeville Hydro Ltd.	11.35
Orillia Power Distribution Corp.	16.28
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	46.62
Ottawa River Power Corp.	9.08
Parry Sound Power Corp.	4.69
Peterborough Distribution Inc.	32.10
PowerStream Inc.	300.00
PUC Distribution Inc.	31.25
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	4.10
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	3.99

Electricity Distributor	School Energy Coalition (SEC)
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	15.88
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	3.78
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	42.12
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	6.57
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Ltd.	1,161.73
Veridian Connections Inc.	111.33
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	8.53
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	64.79
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	19.05
Wellington North Power Inc.	3.15
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	4.12
West Perth Power Inc.	1.93
Westario Power Inc.	20.40
Whitby Hydro Electric Corp.	48.71
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	16.92
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	2.27
Total, Electricity Distributors	6,736.90