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



EB-2010-0364

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost awards for eligible participants in the consultation process regarding a review of the price setting methodology and structure of time-of-use prices under the Regulated Price Plan.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin Vice-Chair

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

June 15, 2011

Background

On October 18, 2010, the Board issued a letter announcing that it was commencing a consultation on the structure and price setting methodology for time-of-use prices under the Regulated Rate Plan. Details of the consultation process were set out in the Board's letter of December 6, 2010, in which the Board also stated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act") in relation to the consultation and that costs awarded would be recovered from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

In accordance with the Board's December 20, 2010 Decision on Cost Eligibility, the following participants were found to be eligible for an award of costs:

- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters ("CME");
- Consumers Council of Canada ("CCC");
- Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe")
- London Property Management Association ("LPMA");
- Pollution Probe ("Pollution Probe");
- School Energy Coalition ("SEC"); and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC").

(collectively, the "eligible participants").

On April 5, 2011, the Board issued a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (the "Notice") in relation to this consultation.

The following eligible participants submitted cost claims by the deadline specified for that purpose in the Notice: CME; CCC; LPMA; Pollution Probe; SEC and VECC. No cost claim or written comment was submitted by Energy Probe.

Rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors were given an opportunity to file any objections they might have in relation to the cost claims filed by eligible participants. The Board did not receive any objections from distributors within the time frame specified for that purpose in the Notice.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims filed by the eligible participants and finds that each of those cost claims is within the approved limits set by the Board in relation to this consultation as reiterated in the Notice. The Board finds that each of CME, CCC, LPMA, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC is entitled to 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this consultation.

The amount payable by each individual licensed distributor in relation to costs awarded to each eligible participant is listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

As stated in the Board's letter dated December 6, 2010, the Board will use the process set out in section 12 of its Practice Direction on Cost Awards to implement the payment of the cost awards. Therefore, the Board will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards in this process. Invoices will be issued to distributors at the same time as are invoices for cost assessments made under section 26 of the Act. The practice of

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The amounts to be paid by each individual rate-regulated licensed distributor in relation to the costs awarded to each eligible participant 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 of the eligible participants as set out in Appendix A.
- 3. The individual distributors listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this consultation.
- 4. Payment of the cost awards 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, June 15, 2011.

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

awards payable in relation to a number of consultations, including this one.

Appendix A EB-2010-0364

Dated June 15, 2011

Licensed Electricity Distributor				Pollution			
	CCC	CME	LPMA	Probe	SEC	VECC	Total
ALGOMA POWER INC.	34.93	15.85	29.39	13.89	29.14	26.43	149.63
ATIKOKAN HYDRO INC.	2.60	1.18	2.19	1.03	2.17	1.97	11.13
ATTAWAPISKAT POWER CORP.	1.88	0.85	1.58	0.75	1.57	1.42	8.05
BLUEWATER POWER DISTRIBUTION CORP.	37.53	17.03	31.58	14.93	31.32	28.40	160.78
BRANT COUNTY POWER INC.	12.04	5.46	10.13	4.79	10.04	9.11	51.57
BRANTFORD POWER INC.	31.27	14.19	26.31	12.44	26.09	23.66	133.95
BURLINGTON HYDRO INC.	55.41	25.14	46.62	22.04	46.23	41.92	237.36
CAMBRIDGE AND NORTH DUMFRIES HYDRO INC.	41.97	19.04	35.31	16.69	35.02	31.75	179.79
CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.	32.28	14.65	27.17	12.84	26.94	24.43	138.31
CENTRE WELLINGTON HYDRO LTD.	5.59	2.53	4.70	2.22	4.66	4.23	23.93
CHAPLEAU PUBLIC UTILITIES CORP.	1.34	0.61	1.13	0.53	1.12	1.02	5.75
CHATHAM-KENT HYDRO INC.	26.95	12.23	22.68	10.72	22.49	20.39	115.44
CLINTON POWER CORP.	1.30	0.59	1.10	0.52	1.09	0.99	5.58
COLLUS POWER CORP.	10.86	4.93	9.14	4.32	9.06	8.22	46.52
COOPERATIVE HYDRO EMBRUN INC.	1.20	0.55	1.01	0.48	1.00	0.91	5.16
CORNWALL STREET RAILWAY LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LTD.	24.02	10.90	20.21	9.55	20.04	18.17	102.89

Licensed Electricity Distributor				Pollution			
	222	CME	LPMA	Polition	SEC	VECC	Total
E.L.K. ENERGY INC.	9.20	4.18	7.74	3.66	7.68	6.96	39.42
ENERSOURCE HYDRO MISSISSAUGA INC.	234.22	106.28	197.09	93.16	195.44	177.22	1,003.42
ENWIN UTILITIES LTD.	96.27	43.68	81.01	38.29	80.33	72.84	412.41
ERIE THAMES POWERLINES CORP. ESPANOLA REGIONAL HYDRO DISTRIBUTION	11.98	5.44	10.08	4.77	10.00	9.07	51.34
CORP.	2.69	1.22	2.27	1.07	2.25	2.04	11.54
ESSEX POWERLINES CORP.	20.01	9.08	16.83	7.96	16.69	15.14	85.70
FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.	18.98	8.61	15.97	7.55	15.84	14.36	81.32
FORT ALBANY POWER CORP.	1.32	0.60	1.11	0.52	1.10	1.00	5.64
FORT FRANCES POWER CORP.	3.09	1.40	2.60	1.23	2.58	2.34	13.23
GREATER SUDBURY HYDRO INC.	45.07	20.45	37.93	17.93	37.61	34.10	193.10
GRIMSBY POWER INC.	7.02	3.19	5.91	2.79	5.86	5.31	30.09
GUELPH HYDRO ELECTRIC SYSTEMS INC.	48.17	21.86	40.53	19.16	40.19	36.44	206.35
HALDIMAND COUNTY HYDRO INC.	27.64	12.54	23.26	10.99	23.06	20.91	118.40
HALTON HILLS HYDRO INC.	19.19	8.71	16.15	7.63	16.01	14.52	82.21
HORIZON UTILITIES CORP.	176.74	80.20	148.72	70.30	147.48	133.73	757.17
HYDRO HAWKESBURY INC.	2.43	1.10	2.05	0.97	2.03	1.84	10.43
HEARST POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD.	1.82	0.82	1.53	0.72	1.52	1.37	7.78
HYDRO 2000 INC.	0.69	0.31	0.58	0.27	0.57	0.52	2.94
HYDRO ONE BRAMPTON NETWORKS INC.	123.40	56.00	103.84	49.08	102.97	93.37	528.66

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HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.	2,105.14	955.23	1,771.39	837.32	1,756.60	1,592.80	9,018.49
HYDRO ONE REMOTE COMMUNITIES INC.	23.48	10.65	19.75	9.34	19.59	17.76	100.57
HYDRO OTTAWA LTD.	291.28	132.17	245.10	115.86	243.05	220.39	1,247.86
INNISFIL HYDRO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS LTD.	15.32	6.95	12.89	6.09	12.78	11.59	65.63
KASHECHEWAN POWER CORP.	1.81	0.82	1.52	0.72	1.51	1.37	7.75
KENORA HYDRO ELECTRIC CORPORATION LTD.	4.35	1.97	3.66	1.73	3.63	3.29	18.63
KINGSTON HYDRO CORP.	20.64	9.37	17.37	8.21	17.22	15.62	88.42
KITCHENER-WILMOT HYDRO INC.	66.20	30.04	55.70	26.33	55.24	50.09	283.58
LAKEFRONT UTILITIES INC.	8.71	3.95	7.33	3.47	7.27	6.59	37.32
LAKELAND POWER DISTRIBUTION LTD.	9.10	4.13	7.66	3.62	7.59	6.89	38.98
LONDON HYDRO INC.	113.66	51.58	95.64	45.21	94.85	86.00	486.94
MIDDLESEX POWER DISTRIBUTION CORP.	6.25	2.84	5.26	2.49	5.22	4.73	26.79
MIDLAND POWER UTILITY CORP.	6.62	3.00	5.57	2.63	5.52	5.01	28.34
MILTON HYDRO DISTRIBUTION INC.	24.21	10.99	20.37	9.63	20.20	18.32	103.71
NEWMARKET - TAY POWER DISTRIBUTION LTD.	30.98	14.06	26.07	12.32	25.85	23.44	132.71
NIAGARA PENINSULA ENERGY INC.	54.80	24.87	46.11	21.80	45.73	41.46	234.76
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HYDRO INC.	9.32	4.23	7.84	3.71	7.78	7.05	39.92
NORFOLK POWER DISTRIBUTION INC.	22.61	10.26	19.02	8.99	18.87	17.11	96.86
NORTH BAY HYDRO DISTRIBUTION LTD.	20.89	9.48	17.58	8.31	17.43	15.81	89.49

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- -	222	CME	LPMA	Polition	SEC	VECC	Total
NORTHERN ONTARIO WIRES INC. OAKVILLE HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION	5.16	2.34	4.35	2.05	4.31	3.91	22.12
INC.	58.24	26.43	49.01	23.17	48.60	44.07	249.50
ORANGEVILLE HYDRO LTD.	9.30	4.22	7.83	3.70	7.76	7.04	39.85
ORILLIA POWER DISTRIBUTION CORP.	13.66	6.20	11.50	5.43	11.40	10.34	58.53
OSHAWA PUC NETWORKS INC.	39.51	17.93	33.25	15.72	32.97	29.90	169.28
OTTAWA RIVER POWER CORP.	7.32	3.32	6.16	2.91	6.11	5.54	31.36
PARRY SOUND POWER CORP.	3.51	1.59	2.96	1.40	2.93	2.66	15.06
PETERBOROUGH DISTRIBUTION INC.	28.46	12.92	23.95	11.32	23.75	21.54	121.94
POWERSTREAM INC.	305.61	138.67	257.16	121.56	255.01	231.23	1,309.25
PUC DISTRIBUTION INC.	31.31	14.21	26.34	12.45	26.12	23.69	134.12
RENFREW HYDRO INC.	3.30	1.50	2.78	1.31	2.76	2.50	14.15
RIDEAU ST. LAWRENCE DISTRIBUTION INC.	4.33	1.97	3.65	1.72	3.62	3.28	18.56
ST. THOMAS ENERGY INC.	12.73	5.77	10.71	5.06	10.62	9.63	54.52
SIOUX LOOKOUT HYDRO INC. THUNDER BAY HYDRO ELECTRICITY	3.76	1.70	3.16	1.49	3.13	2.84	16.09
DISTRIBUTION INC.	36.07	16.37	30.35	14.35	30.10	27.29	154.52
TILLSONBURG HYDRO INC.	5.60	2.54	4.71	2.23	4.67	4.24	23.98
TORONTO HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM LTD.	960.29	435.74	808.04	381.96	801.30	726.58	4,113.91
VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC.	92.80	42.11	78.08	36.91	77.43	70.21	397.54
WASAGA DISTRIBUTION INC.	7.80	3.54	6.56	3.10	6.51	5.90	33.42

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WATERLOO NORTH HYDRO INC.	51.33	23.29	43.20	20.42	42.84	38.84	219.92
WELLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM CORP.	16.48	7.48	13.87	6.56	13.75	12.47	70.62
WELLINGTON NORTH POWER INC.	3.83	1.74	3.22	1.52	3.19	2.90	16.40
WEST COAST HURON ENERGY INC.	3.89	1.76	3.27	1.55	3.24	2.94	16.66
WEST PERTH POWER INC.	1.77	0.80	1.49	0.70	1.48	1.34	7.58
WESTARIO POWER INC.	16.98	7.70	14.29	6.75	14.17	12.85	72.73
WHITBY HYDRO ELECTRIC CORP.	37.03	16.80	31.16	14.73	30.90	28.02	158.64
WOODSTOCK HYDRO SERVICES INC.	13.44	6.10	11.31	5.34	11.21	10.17	57.57
TOTAL	5,779.95	2,622.73	4,863.61	2,298.99	4,823.00	4,373.27	24,761.55