



EB-2010-0219

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 regarding the review of the Board's
electricity distribution cost allocation policy.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Paul Sommerville
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

On September 2, 2010, the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") issued a letter to interested parties initiating a consultation process to review certain elements of the Board's electricity distribution cost allocation policy.

In that letter, the Board also indicated 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.

On October 15, 2010, the Board issued a Decision on Cost Eligibility in which the Board determined that the following six participants are eligible for an award of costs in relation to their participation in this consultation: Association of Major Power Consumers in

Ontario (“AMPCO”); Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”); Consumers Council of Canada; London Property Management Association (“LPMA”); Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) and School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) (collectively, the “eligible participants”).

On March 31, 2011, the Board issued its *Report of the Board: Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*. The cover letter accompanying that *Report* indicated that a working group would be established to assist with changes to the cost allocation model required to implement revisions to the Board’s policy as set out in the *Report*. AMPCO and VECC, both eligible for an award of costs in this consultation as noted above, participated on the working group.

On July 13, 2011, the Board issued a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (the “Notice”) in relation to participation in this consultation for the period ending June 30, 2011.

The Board received cost claims from AMPCO, CME, LPMA, SEC and VECC within the deadline specified for that purpose in the Notice. 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 specified for that purpose in the Notice.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims filed by AMPCO, CME, LPMA, SEC and VECC and finds that each of those cost claims is within the approved limits set by the Board in relation to this consultation.

The Board finds that each of these eligible participants 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 September 2, 2010, the Board will use the process set out in section 12 of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* to implement the payment of the cost awards. 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 is to issue to each distributor one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by that 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 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 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, August 18, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

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

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**Consultation process regarding the review of the Board's electricity distribution
cost allocation policy**

| Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator | AMPCO | CME | LPMA | SEC | VECC | Total |
|---|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Algoma Power Inc. | 86.41 | 12.08 | 35.31 | 49.46 | 85.85 | 269.11 |
| Atikokan Hydro Inc. | 6.43 | 0.90 | 2.63 | 3.68 | 6.39 | 20.02 |
| Attawapiskat Power Corp. | 4.65 | 0.65 | 1.90 | 2.66 | 4.62 | 14.47 |
| Bluewater Power Distribution Corp. | 92.85 | 12.98 | 37.94 | 53.15 | 92.26 | 289.18 |
| Brant County Power Inc. | 29.78 | 4.16 | 12.17 | 17.05 | 29.59 | 92.75 |
| Brantford Power Inc. | 77.36 | 10.82 | 31.61 | 44.28 | 76.86 | 240.92 |
| Burlington Hydro Inc. | 137.08 | 19.17 | 56.01 | 78.46 | 136.19 | 426.91 |
| Cambridge And North Dumfries Hydro Inc. | 103.83 | 14.52 | 42.43 | 59.43 | 103.16 | 323.37 |
| Canadian Niagara Power Inc. | 79.88 | 11.17 | 32.64 | 45.72 | 79.36 | 248.76 |
| Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. | 13.82 | 1.93 | 5.65 | 7.91 | 13.73 | 43.04 |
| Chapleau Public Utilities Corp. | 3.32 | 0.46 | 1.36 | 1.90 | 3.30 | 10.34 |
| Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc. | 66.67 | 9.32 | 27.24 | 38.16 | 66.24 | 207.64 |
| Collus Power Corp. | 26.87 | 3.76 | 10.98 | 15.38 | 26.69 | 83.68 |
| Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. | 2.98 | 0.42 | 1.22 | 1.70 | 2.96 | 9.27 |
| E.L.K. Energy Inc. | 22.77 | 3.18 | 9.30 | 13.03 | 22.62 | 70.91 |
| Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc. | 579.49 | 81.02 | 236.78 | 331.68 | 575.75 | 1,804.72 |
| Enwin Utilities Ltd. | 238.18 | 33.30 | 97.32 | 136.32 | 236.64 | 741.76 |
| Erie Thames Powerlines Corp. | 37.25 | 5.21 | 15.22 | 21.32 | 37.01 | 116.02 |
| Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corp. | 6.67 | 0.93 | 2.72 | 3.82 | 6.62 | 20.76 |
| Essex Powerlines Corp. | 49.49 | 6.92 | 20.22 | 28.33 | 49.18 | 154.14 |
| Festival Hydro Inc. | 46.96 | 6.57 | 19.19 | 26.88 | 46.66 | 146.25 |
| Fort Albany Power Corp. | 3.26 | 0.46 | 1.33 | 1.86 | 3.23 | 10.14 |
| Fort Frances Power Corp. | 7.64 | 1.07 | 3.12 | 4.37 | 7.59 | 23.80 |
| Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. | 111.52 | 15.59 | 45.57 | 63.83 | 110.80 | 347.30 |
| Grimsby Power Inc. | 17.38 | 2.43 | 7.10 | 9.95 | 17.26 | 54.11 |

| Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator | | | | | | |
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| | AMPCO | CME | LPMA | SEC | VECC | Total |
| Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. | 119.17 | 16.66 | 48.69 | 68.21 | 118.40 | 371.14 |
| Haldimand County Hydro Inc. | 68.38 | 9.56 | 27.94 | 39.14 | 67.93 | 212.95 |
| Halton Hills Hydro Inc. | 47.48 | 6.64 | 19.40 | 27.18 | 47.17 | 147.87 |
| Horizon Utilities Corp. | 437.28 | 61.14 | 178.67 | 250.28 | 434.45 | 1,361.83 |
| Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. | 6.02 | 0.84 | 2.46 | 3.45 | 5.98 | 18.76 |
| Hearst Power Distribution Company Ltd. | 4.50 | 0.63 | 1.84 | 2.57 | 4.47 | 14.00 |
| Hydro 2000 Inc. | 1.70 | 0.24 | 0.69 | 0.97 | 1.69 | 5.29 |
| Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. | 305.31 | 42.69 | 124.75 | 174.75 | 303.34 | 950.83 |
| Hydro One Networks Inc. | 5,208.34 | 728.20 | 2,128.12 | 2,981.09 | 5,174.69 | 16,220.44 |
| Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. | 58.08 | 8.12 | 23.73 | 33.24 | 57.70 | 180.88 |
| Hydro Ottawa Ltd. | 720.66 | 100.76 | 294.46 | 412.48 | 716.00 | 2,244.37 |
| Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Ltd. | 37.90 | 5.30 | 15.49 | 21.70 | 37.66 | 118.05 |
| Kashechewan Power Corp. | 4.47 | 0.63 | 1.83 | 2.56 | 4.44 | 13.93 |
| Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. | 10.76 | 1.50 | 4.40 | 6.16 | 10.69 | 33.50 |
| Kingston Hydro Corp. | 51.06 | 7.14 | 20.86 | 29.23 | 50.73 | 159.03 |
| Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. | 163.77 | 22.90 | 66.92 | 93.74 | 162.72 | 510.05 |
| Lakefront Utilities Inc. | 21.56 | 3.01 | 8.81 | 12.34 | 21.42 | 67.13 |
| Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. | 22.51 | 3.15 | 9.20 | 12.89 | 22.37 | 70.12 |
| London Hydro Inc. | 281.22 | 39.32 | 114.91 | 160.96 | 279.40 | 875.80 |
| Middlesex Power Distribution Corp. | 15.47 | 2.16 | 6.32 | 8.86 | 15.37 | 48.18 |
| Midland Power Utility Corp. | 16.37 | 2.29 | 6.69 | 9.37 | 16.26 | 50.98 |
| Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. | 59.90 | 8.37 | 24.47 | 34.28 | 59.51 | 186.53 |
| Newmarket - Tay Power Distribution Ltd. | 76.64 | 10.72 | 31.32 | 43.87 | 76.14 | 238.68 |
| Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. | 135.58 | 18.96 | 55.40 | 77.60 | 134.70 | 422.23 |
| Niagara-On-The-Lake Hydro Inc. | 23.05 | 3.22 | 9.42 | 13.20 | 22.91 | 71.80 |
| Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. | 55.94 | 7.82 | 22.86 | 32.02 | 55.58 | 174.21 |
| North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. | 51.68 | 7.23 | 21.12 | 29.58 | 51.35 | 160.95 |
| Northern Ontario Wires Inc. | 12.78 | 1.79 | 5.22 | 7.31 | 12.69 | 39.79 |
| Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. | 144.09 | 20.15 | 58.88 | 82.47 | 143.16 | 448.75 |

| Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator | | | | | | |
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| | AMPCO | CME | LPMA | SEC | VECC | Total |
| Orangeville Hydro Ltd. | 23.02 | 3.22 | 9.40 | 13.17 | 22.87 | 71.68 |
| Orillia Power Distribution Corp. | 33.80 | 4.73 | 13.81 | 19.35 | 33.58 | 105.27 |
| Oshawa Puc Networks Inc. | 97.76 | 13.67 | 39.94 | 55.96 | 97.13 | 304.46 |
| Ottawa River Power Corp. | 18.11 | 2.53 | 7.40 | 10.37 | 18.00 | 56.41 |
| Parry Sound Power Corp. | 8.70 | 1.22 | 3.55 | 4.98 | 8.64 | 27.08 |
| Peterborough Distribution Inc. | 70.42 | 9.85 | 28.77 | 40.31 | 69.97 | 219.32 |
| Powerstream Inc. | 756.11 | 105.71 | 308.95 | 432.78 | 751.23 | 2,354.78 |
| Puc Distribution Inc. | 77.46 | 10.83 | 31.65 | 44.33 | 76.96 | 241.22 |
| Renfrew Hydro Inc. | 8.17 | 1.14 | 3.34 | 4.68 | 8.12 | 25.45 |
| Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. | 10.72 | 1.50 | 4.38 | 6.14 | 10.65 | 33.39 |
| St. Thomas Energy Inc. | 31.48 | 4.40 | 12.86 | 18.02 | 31.28 | 98.05 |
| Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. | 9.29 | 1.30 | 3.80 | 5.32 | 9.23 | 28.94 |
| Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. | 89.24 | 12.48 | 36.46 | 51.08 | 88.66 | 277.91 |
| Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. | 13.85 | 1.94 | 5.66 | 7.93 | 13.76 | 43.13 |
| Toronto Hydro-Electric System Ltd. | 2,375.86 | 332.18 | 970.77 | 1,359.87 | 2,360.51 | 7,399.18 |
| Veridian Connections Inc. | 229.59 | 32.10 | 93.81 | 131.41 | 228.11 | 715.01 |
| Wasaga Distribution Inc. | 19.30 | 2.70 | 7.89 | 11.05 | 19.18 | 60.11 |
| Waterloo North Hydro Inc. | 127.01 | 17.76 | 51.89 | 72.69 | 126.19 | 395.54 |
| Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. | 40.78 | 5.70 | 16.66 | 23.34 | 40.52 | 127.01 |
| Wellington North Power Inc. | 9.47 | 1.32 | 3.87 | 5.42 | 9.41 | 29.50 |
| West Coast Huron Energy Inc. | 9.62 | 1.35 | 3.93 | 5.51 | 9.56 | 29.96 |
| Westario Power Inc. | 42.01 | 5.87 | 17.16 | 24.04 | 41.73 | 130.82 |
| Whitby Hydro Electric Corp. | 91.62 | 12.81 | 37.43 | 52.44 | 91.02 | 285.32 |
| Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. | 33.25 | 4.65 | 13.58 | 19.03 | 33.03 | 103.54 |
| Total | 14,240.83 | 1,991.06 | 5,818.79 | 8,151.00 | 14,148.83 | 44,350.51 |