



EB 2011-0428

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF a cost award for participation in a consultation regarding revision of the *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

On December 21, 2011, the Ontario Energy Board issued for comment a revised *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors* (the “Revised Handbook”). In the covering letter, the Board notified interested parties that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to the provision of written comments on the Revised Handbook, up to a maximum of 16 hours. The letter also stated that any costs awarded would be collected from all rate-regulated electricity distributors, and apportioned among the distributors on the basis of distribution revenue.

The Board received comments from one eligible party, the School Energy Coalition ("SEC").

On March 7, 2012, the Board issued a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards initiating a hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost award that would be made in relation to this consultation. The Board received SEC's cost claim by the March 9, 2012 deadline specified in the notice. No objections to the cost claim were received by the Board within the time specified in the notice.

Board Findings on the Cost Claims of the Eligible Participants

The Board has reviewed SEC's cost claim and finds that the claim is in accordance with the overall limits set out in the Board's December 21, 2011 letter. The Board finds that SEC is entitled to 100% of its costs of participating in this consultation.

The amount payable by each individual rate-regulated electricity distributor in relation to the costs awarded to SEC is listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order.

Process for Paying Cost Awards

As indicated in the Board's December 21, 2011 letter, 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 the payments of the cost award 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 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 SEC are as set out in Appendix A to this Decision and Order.

2. Payment of the cost award referred to in paragraph 1 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, March 19, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix A

To the Board's Decision and Order on Cost Awards Dated March 19, 2012

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Rate Regulated Electricity Distributors	SEC
Algoma Power Inc.	29.13
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	2.17
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	1.57
Bluewater Power Distribution Corp.	31.30
Brant County Power Inc.	10.04
Brantford Power Inc.	26.08
Burlington Hydro Inc.	46.21
Cambridge And North Dumfries Hydro Inc.	35.00
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	26.93
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	4.66
Chapleau Public Utilities Corp.	1.12
Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc.	22.47
Collus Power Corp.	9.06
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	1.00
Cornwall Street Railway Light And Power Company Ltd.	20.03
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	7.68
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	195.34
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	80.29
Erie Thames Powerlines Corp.	10.00
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corp.	2.25

Rate Regulated Electricity Distributors	SEC
Festival Hydro Inc.	15.83
Fort Albany Power Corp.	1.10
Fort Frances Power Corp.	2.58
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	37.59
Grimsby Power Inc.	5.86
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	40.17
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	23.05
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	16.01
Horizon Utilities Corp.	147.41
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	2.03
Hearst Power Distribution Company Ltd.	1.52
Hydro 2000 Inc.	0.57
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	102.92
Hydro One Networks Inc.	1,755.71
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	19.58
Hydro Ottawa Ltd.	242.93
Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Ltd.	12.78
Kashechewan Power Corp.	1.51
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	3.63
Kingston Hydro Corp.	17.21
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	55.21
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	7.27
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	7.59
London Hydro Inc.	94.80
Middlesex Power Distribution Corp.	5.22

Rate Regulated Electricity Distributors	SEC
Midland Power Utility Corp.	5.52
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	20.19
Newmarket - Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	25.84
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	45.70
Niagara-On-The-Lake Hydro Inc.	7.77
Norfolk Power Distribution Inc.	18.86
North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd.	17.42
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	4.31
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	48.57
Orangeville Hydro Ltd.	7.76
Orillia Power Distribution Corp.	11.39
Oshawa Puc Networks Inc.	32.95
Ottawa River Power Corp.	6.11
Parry Sound Power Corp.	2.93
Peterborough Distribution Inc.	23.74
Powerstream Inc.	254.88
Puc Distribution Inc.	26.11
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	2.75
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	3.61
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	10.61
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	3.13
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	30.08
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	4.67
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Ltd.	800.89
Veridian Connections Inc.	77.39

Rate Regulated Electricity Distributors	SEC
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	6.51
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	42.81
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	13.75
Wellington North Power Inc.	3.19
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	3.24
Westario Power Inc.	14.16
Whitby Hydro Electric Corp.	30.88
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	11.21
TOTAL	\$4,818.00