



EB 2012-0062

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
participation in a consultation process on the review
of the Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping
Requirements.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
February 28, 2013

Background

On March 7, 2012, the Board issued a letter announcing the launch of a comprehensive review of the Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements and indicating that small group discussions with Board staff would be undertaken as a first step in that review. In the same letter, the Board indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (the “Act”) in respect of their participation in the small group discussions, and that costs awarded would be recovered from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

On June 20, 2012, the Board issued a Decision on Cost Eligibility in which it determined that the Low-Income Energy Network (“LIEN”) and the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”)

were eligible for an award of costs in relation their participation in the small group discussions.

Based on the March 7, 2012 letter and the June 20, 2012 Decision on Cost Eligibility, the following maximums apply in relation to cost awards pertaining to this matter: (i) a maximum of 4 hours of preparation time for the initial meeting plus actual meeting time; and (ii) up to 10 hours per meeting (covering preparation, meeting time and reporting) for any subsequent small group meetings.

On January 9, 2013, the Board issued a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (the “Notice”) initiating a hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that will be made under section 30 of the Act in relation to this consultation.

The Board received cost claims from LIEN and SEC. No objections to the cost claims were received by the Board from any rate-regulated licensed electricity distributor by the deadline established for that purpose in the Notice.

Board Findings on the Cost Claims

The Board has reviewed the cost claims filed by LIEN and SEC and finds that they are in accordance with the overall limits set out in the Board’s March 7, 2012 letter and the June 20, 2012 Decision on Cost Eligibility.

The Board finds that LIEN and SEC are each entitled to 100% of their respective reasonably incurred costs of participating in this consultation.

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

Process for Paying Cost Awards

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 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 each of LIEN and SEC 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 LIEN and SEC 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 cost awards referred to in paragraph 2 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, February 28, 2013.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix A

**To the Board's Decision and Order on Cost Awards
Dated February 28, 2013**

EB-2012-0062

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	LIEN	SEC	Total
--	------	-----	-------

ALGOMA POWER INC.	\$ 26.10	\$ 23.67	\$ 49.77
ATIKOKAN HYDRO INC.	\$ 1.72	\$ 1.56	\$ 3.28
ATTAWAPISKAT POWER CORP.	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.24	\$ 2.60
BLUEWATER POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION	\$ 28.44	\$ 25.80	\$ 54.23
BRANT COUNTY POWER INC.	\$ 8.82	\$ 8.00	\$ 16.83
BRANTFORD POWER INC.	\$ 23.59	\$ 21.40	\$ 44.99
BURLINGTON HYDRO INC.	\$ 44.26	\$ 40.14	\$ 84.40
CAMBRIDGE AND NORTH DUMFRIES HYDRO INC.	\$ 34.99	\$ 31.74	\$ 66.74
CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.	\$ 24.89	\$ 22.58	\$ 47.47
CENTRE WELLINGTON HYDRO LTD.	\$ 4.25	\$ 3.85	\$ 8.10
CHAPLEAU PUBLIC UTILITIES CORPORATION	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.83	\$ 1.74
ENTEGRUS POWERLINES INC.	\$ 27.04	\$ 24.53	\$ 51.57
COLLUS POWERSTREAM CORP.	\$ 8.57	\$ 7.78	\$ 16.35
COOPERATIVE HYDRO EMBRUN INC.	\$ 1.06	\$ 0.96	\$ 2.02
E.L.K. ENERGY INC.	\$ 6.62	\$ 6.00	\$ 12.62
ENERSOURCE HYDRO MISSISSAUGA INC.	\$ 173.07	\$ 156.99	\$ 330.06
ENWIN UTILITIES LTD.	\$ 73.76	\$ 66.91	\$ 140.67
ERIE THAMES POWERLINES CORPORATION	\$ 11.74	\$ 10.65	\$ 22.40
ESPANOLA REGIONAL HYDRO DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.81	\$ 3.80
ESSEX POWERLINES CORPORATION	\$ 16.32	\$ 14.80	\$ 31.12
FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.	\$ 14.33	\$ 13.00	\$ 27.33
FORT ALBANY POWER CORP.	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.86	\$ 1.81
FORT FRANCES POWER CORPORATION	\$ 2.30	\$ 2.08	\$ 4.38
GREATER SUDBURY HYDRO INC.	\$ 33.82	\$ 30.68	\$ 64.50
GRIMSBY POWER INCORPORATED	\$ 5.20	\$ 4.72	\$ 9.93
GUELPH HYDRO ELECTRIC SYSTEMS INC.	\$ 36.39	\$ 33.01	\$ 69.40
HALDIMAND COUNTY HYDRO INC.	\$ 19.78	\$ 17.94	\$ 37.72
HALTON HILLS HYDRO INC.	\$ 14.22	\$ 12.90	\$ 27.13
HORIZON UTILITIES CORPORATION	\$ 130.65	\$ 118.51	\$ 249.15
HYDRO HAWKESBURY INC.	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.77	\$ 3.72
HEARST POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.06	\$ 2.23
HYDRO 2000 INC.	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.89
HYDRO ONE BRAMPTON NETWORKS INC.	\$ 92.53	\$ 83.93	\$ 176.46
HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.	\$ 1,673.78	\$ 1,518.25	\$ 3,192.02
HYDRO OTTAWA LIMITED	\$ 216.28	\$ 196.19	\$ 412.47
INNISFIL HYDRO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS LIMITED	\$ 11.62	\$ 10.54	\$ 22.16

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	LIEN	SEC	Total
KASHECHEWAN POWER CORP.	\$ 1.28	\$ 1.16	\$ 2.44
KENORA HYDRO ELECTRIC CORPORATION LTD.	\$ 3.19	\$ 2.90	\$ 6.09
KINGSTON HYDRO CORPORATION	\$ 14.23	\$ 12.91	\$ 27.14
KITCHENER-WILMOT HYDRO INC.	\$ 53.98	\$ 48.97	\$ 102.95
LAKEFRONT UTILITIES INC.	\$ 6.34	\$ 5.75	\$ 12.09
LAKELAND POWER DISTRIBUTION LTD.	\$ 6.99	\$ 6.34	\$ 13.34
LONDON HYDRO INC.	\$ 90.90	\$ 82.46	\$ 173.36
MIDLAND POWER UTILITY CORPORATION	\$ 5.23	\$ 4.75	\$ 9.98
MILTON HYDRO DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$ 18.30	\$ 16.60	\$ 34.90
NEWMARKET - TAY POWER DISTRIBUTION LTD.	\$ 23.00	\$ 20.86	\$ 43.86
NIAGARA PENINSULA ENERGY INC.	\$ 39.91	\$ 36.20	\$ 76.11
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HYDRO INC.	\$ 6.81	\$ 6.17	\$ 12.98
NORFOLK POWER DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$ 16.08	\$ 14.59	\$ 30.67
NORTH BAY HYDRO DISTRIBUTION LIMITED	\$ 16.95	\$ 15.38	\$ 32.33
NORTHERN ONTARIO WIRES INC.	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.56	\$ 7.49
OAKVILLE HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$ 45.60	\$ 41.36	\$ 86.96
ORANGEVILLE HYDRO LIMITED	\$ 7.29	\$ 6.61	\$ 13.90
ORILLIA POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION	\$ 10.88	\$ 9.87	\$ 20.76
OSHAWA PUC NETWORKS INC.	\$ 28.94	\$ 26.25	\$ 55.19
OTTAWA RIVER POWER CORPORATION	\$ 5.36	\$ 4.86	\$ 10.23
PARRY SOUND POWER CORPORATION	\$ 2.69	\$ 2.44	\$ 5.12
PETERBOROUGH DISTRIBUTION INCORPORATED	\$ 22.33	\$ 20.25	\$ 42.58
POWERSTREAM INC.	\$ 239.15	\$ 216.93	\$ 456.08
PUC DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$ 22.06	\$ 20.01	\$ 42.06
RENFREW HYDRO INC.	\$ 2.36	\$ 2.14	\$ 4.51
RIDEAU ST. LAWRENCE DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$ 3.18	\$ 2.89	\$ 6.07
ST. THOMAS ENERGY INC.	\$ 9.45	\$ 8.57	\$ 18.02
SIOUX LOOKOUT HYDRO INC.	\$ 2.67	\$ 2.42	\$ 5.09
THUNDER BAY HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$ 25.80	\$ 23.40	\$ 49.20
TILLSONBURG HYDRO INC.	\$ 4.93	\$ 4.47	\$ 9.41
TORONTO HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM LIMITED	\$ 774.57	\$ 702.60	\$ 1,477.16
VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC.	\$ 71.53	\$ 64.88	\$ 136.41
WASAGA DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$ 5.80	\$ 5.26	\$ 11.06
WATERLOO NORTH HYDRO INC.	\$ 37.85	\$ 34.34	\$ 72.19
WELLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM CORP.	\$ 13.26	\$ 12.02	\$ 25.28
WELLINGTON NORTH POWER INC.	\$ 2.72	\$ 2.47	\$ 5.19
WEST COAST HURON ENERGY INC.	\$ 3.34	\$ 3.03	\$ 6.37
WESTARIO POWER INC.	\$ 13.39	\$ 12.15	\$ 25.54

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	LIEN	SEC	Total
WHITBY HYDRO ELECTRIC CORPORATION	\$ 27.77	\$ 25.19	\$ 52.96
WOODSTOCK HYDRO SERVICES INC.	\$ 9.79	\$ 8.88	\$ 18.67

\$ 4,474.80	\$ 4,059.00	\$ 8,533.80
-------------	-------------	-------------