

EB-2012-0383

**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 Policy Review of Cost Allocation for Unmetered Loads.

**BEFORE** Marika Hare

**Presiding Member** 

Cathy Spoel Member

# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS April 30, 2014

## **Background**

On October 1, 2012, the Board issued a letter initiating a consultation process to review the cost allocation policy for unmetered loads. In that letter, the Board indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 in relation to their participation in the consultation.

In its Decision on Interventions and Cost Award Eligibility and Order dated November 15, 2012, the Board granted cost eligibility to the following stakeholders (collectively, the "Eligible Participants"):

- the London Property Management Association ("LPMA");
- Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"); and
- the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC").

Eligible activities for this consultation included preparation, attendance and reporting for working group meetings, and comments on the Consultant's Report prepared by

Elenchus Research Associates. The Board communicated the maximum number of hours for activities eligible for cost awards in its May 17, 2013 letter which accompanied the Consultant's Report.

The Report of the Board: Review of the Board's Cost Allocation Policy for Unmetered Loads, was issued on December 22, 2013.

On March 6, 2014, the Board issued a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards for the consultation. The Eligible Participants submitted their cost claims. No objections to the cost claims were received.

### **Board Findings**

The Board has reviewed the cost claims and finds that the claims filed by the Eligible Participants are within the approved limits set by the Board. The Board therefore finds that the Eligible Participants are entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this consultation process.

#### **Process for Paying the Cost Awards**

The amount payable by each distributor in relation to costs awarded to each Eligible Participant is listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order. However, the amounts will not be paid directly by the distributor to the participant.

The Board will use the process set out in section 12 of the Board's *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 the invoices for cost assessments are made under section 26 of the Act. The practice of the Board is to issue to each licensed 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. Each distributor listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order shall pay the amounts set out in Appendix A in relation to the costs awarded to each of the Eligible Participants.
- 2. Each distributor listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order shall pay the Board's costs of, and incidental to, this consultation.
- 3. The payments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be made to the Ontario Energy Board in accordance with the invoice issued to each distributor, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

DATED at Toronto, April 30, 2014

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

# Appendix A Board's Decision and Order on Cost Awards EB-2012-0383

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator		ERGY ROBE	LPMA		VE	ECC	TOTAL	
ALCOMA DOWED INC	_	00.45	•	44.40	Φ.	50.00	Φ.	04.04
ALGOMA POWER INC.	\$	32.45	\$	11.48	\$	50.68	\$	94.61
ATIKOKAN HYDRO INC.	\$	1.94	\$	0.69	\$	3.04	\$	5.67
ATTAWAPISKAT POWER CORP.	\$	1.70	\$	0.60	\$	2.65	\$	4.95
BLUEWATER POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION	\$	34.92	\$	12.35	\$	54.53	\$	101.81
BRANT COUNTY POWER INC.	\$	9.99	\$	3.53	\$	15.60	\$	29.12
BRANTFORD POWER INC.	\$	23.65	\$	8.37	\$	36.94	\$	68.96
BURLINGTON HYDRO INC.	\$	57.13	\$	20.21	\$	89.22	\$	166.56
CAMBRIDGE AND NORTH DUMFRIES HYDRO INC.	\$	41.12	\$	14.54	\$	64.21	\$	119.87
CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.	\$	27.36	\$	9.68	\$	42.72	\$	79.76
CENTRE WELLINGTON HYDRO LTD.	\$	4.84	\$	1.71	\$	7.55	\$	14.10
CHAPLEAU PUBLIC UTILITIES CORPORATION	\$	1.12	\$	0.40	\$	1.76	\$	3.28
ENTEGRUS POWERLINES INC.	\$	29.68	\$	10.50	\$	46.35	\$	86.53
COLLUS POWERSTREAM CORP.	\$	11.46	\$	4.05	\$	17.89	\$	33.41
COOPERATIVE HYDRO EMBRUN INC.	\$	1.33	\$	0.47	\$	2.08	\$	3.87
CORNWALL STREET RAILWAY LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LTD.	\$	19.88	\$	7.03	\$	31.05	\$	57.97
E.L.K. ENERGY INC.	\$	6.06	\$	2.14	\$	9.46	\$	17.67
ENERSOURCE HYDRO MISSISSAUGA INC.	\$	184.26	\$	65.17	\$	287.73	\$	537.16
ENWIN UTILITIES LTD.	\$	80.86	\$	28.60	\$	126.27	\$	235.74
ERIE THAMES POWERLINES CORPORATION	\$	13.26	\$	4.69	\$	20.70	\$	38.64
ESPANOLA REGIONAL HYDRO DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION	\$	2.52	\$	0.89	\$	3.93	\$	7.33
ESSEX POWERLINES CORPORATION	\$	18.38	\$	6.50	\$	28.71	\$	53.59
FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.	\$	18.17	\$	6.43	\$	28.38	\$	52.98
FORT ALBANY POWER CORPORATION	\$	1.14	\$	0.40	\$	1.78	\$	3.32
FORT FRANCES POWER CORPORATION	\$	2.88	\$	1.02	\$	4.50	\$	8.40

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	ENERGY PROBE		LPMA		VECC		TOTAL	
GREATER SUDBURY HYDRO INC.	\$	39.67	\$	14.03	\$	61.95	\$	115.65
GRIMSBY POWER INCORPORATED	\$	7.99	\$	2.83	\$	12.48	\$	23.29
GUELPH HYDRO ELECTRIC SYSTEMS INC.	\$	42.33	\$	14.97	\$	66.11	\$	123.41
HALDIMAND COUNTY HYDRO INC.	\$	23.44	\$	8.29	\$	36.60	\$	68.33
HALTON HILLS HYDRO INC.	\$	17.42	\$	6.16	\$	27.20	\$	50.78
HORIZON UTILITIES CORPORATION	\$	173.67	\$	61.42	\$	271.20	\$	506.30
HYDRO HAWKESBURY INC.	\$	2.77	\$	0.98	\$	4.33	\$	8.08
HEARST POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED	\$	1.91	\$	0.67	\$	2.98	\$	5.55
HYDRO 2000 INC.	\$	0.73	\$	0.26	\$	1.14	\$	2.13
HYDRO ONE BRAMPTON NETWORKS INC.	\$	97.47	\$	34.47	\$	152.20	\$	284.14
HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.	\$	1,985.34	\$	702.17	\$	3,100.19	\$	5,787.71
HYDRO ONE REMOTE COMMUNITIES INCORPORATED	\$	35.36	\$	12.50	\$	55.21	\$	103.07
HYDRO OTTAWA LIMITED	\$	246.18	\$	87.07	\$	384.41	\$	717.65
INNISFIL HYDRO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS LIMITED	\$	14.26	\$	5.04	\$	22.27	\$	41.58
KASHECHEWAN POWER CORPORATION	\$	1.55	\$	0.55	\$	2.42	\$	4.52
KENORA HYDRO ELECTRIC CORPORATION LTD.	\$	4.72	\$	1.67	\$	7.37	\$	13.75
KINGSTON HYDRO CORPORATION	\$	18.27	\$	6.46	\$	28.52	\$	53.25
KITCHENER-WILMOT HYDRO INC.	\$	69.66	\$	24.64	\$	108.78	\$	203.09
LAKEFRONT UTILITIES INC.	\$	8.50	\$	3.01	\$	13.27	\$	24.77
LAKELAND POWER DISTRIBUTION LTD.	\$	9.41	\$	3.33	\$	14.70	\$	27.44
LONDON HYDRO INC.	\$	101.94	\$	36.05	\$	159.18	\$	297.16
MIDLAND POWER UTILITY CORPORATION	\$	6.55	\$	2.32	\$	10.22	\$	19.08
MILTON HYDRO DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$	22.85	\$	8.08	\$	35.68	\$	66.61
NEWMARKET-TAY POWER DISTRIBUTION LTD.	\$	24.16	\$	8.54	\$	37.72	\$	70.43
NIAGARA PENINSULA ENERGY INC.	\$	45.34	\$	16.03	\$	70.80	\$	132.17
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HYDRO INC.	\$	7.87	\$	2.79	\$	12.30	\$	22.96
NORFOLK POWER DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$	18.66	\$	6.60	\$	29.13	\$	54.38
NORTH BAY HYDRO DISTRIBUTION LIMITED	\$	18.81	\$	6.65	\$	29.37	\$	54.84
NORTHERN ONTARIO WIRES INC.	\$	4.47	\$	1.58	\$	6.97	\$	13.02

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	ENERGY PROBE		LPMA		VECC		TOTAL	
OAKVILLE HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$	54.82	\$	19.39	\$	85.60	\$	159.80
ORANGEVILLE HYDRO LIMITED	\$	10.06	\$	3.56	\$	15.71	\$	29.32
ORILLIA POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION	\$	13.29	\$	4.70	\$	20.76	\$	38.76
OSHAWA PUC NETWORKS INC.	\$	30.33	\$	10.73	\$	47.36	\$	88.41
OTTAWA RIVER POWER CORPORATION	\$	6.52	\$	2.31	\$	10.18	\$	19.01
PARRY SOUND POWER CORPORATION	\$	3.85	\$	1.36	\$	6.02	\$	11.23
PETERBOROUGH DISTRIBUTION INCORPORATED	\$	27.95	\$	9.89	\$	43.65	\$	81.48
POWERSTREAM INC.	\$	265.22	\$	93.80	\$	414.14	\$	773.16
PUC DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$	28.99	\$	10.25	\$	45.27	\$	84.51
RENFREW HYDRO INC.	\$	3.00	\$	1.06	\$	4.68	\$	8.74
RIDEAU ST. LAWRENCE DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$	4.19	\$	1.48	\$	6.54	\$	12.22
ST. THOMAS ENERGY INC.	\$	11.78	\$	4.17	\$	18.39	\$	34.33
SIOUX LOOKOUT HYDRO INC.	\$	3.40	\$	1.20	\$	5.30	\$	9.90
THUNDER BAY HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$	34.84	\$	12.32	\$	54.41	\$	101.57
TILLSONBURG HYDRO INC.	\$	5.00	\$	1.77	\$	7.80	\$	14.56
TORONTO HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM LIMITED	\$	859.18	\$	303.87	\$	1,341.65	\$	2,504.70
VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC.	\$	87.90	\$	31.09	\$	137.26	\$	256.26
WASAGA DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$	7.04	\$	2.49	\$	11.00	\$	20.54
WATERLOO NORTH HYDRO INC.	\$	53.75	\$	19.01	\$	83.93	\$	156.69
WELLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM CORP.	\$	16.59	\$	5.87	\$	25.91	\$	48.37
WELLINGTON NORTH POWER INC.	\$	3.74	\$	1.32	\$	5.84	\$	10.90
WEST COAST HURON ENERGY INC.	\$	3.47	\$	1.23	\$	5.42	\$	10.12
WESTARIO POWER INC.	\$	14.51	\$	5.13	\$	22.66	\$	42.31
WHITBY HYDRO ELECTRIC CORPORATION	\$	31.87	\$	11.27	\$	49.77	\$	92.91
WOODSTOCK HYDRO SERVICES INC.	\$	13.06	\$	4.62	\$	20.39	\$	38.07
TOTAL	\$	5,271.75	\$1	,864.50		\$8,232.05	\$1	5,368.30