



**EB-2013-0294**

**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 the  
activities of the Smart Grid Advisory Committee.

**BEFORE** Marika Hare  
Presiding Member

## **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

May 5, 2014

### **Background**

On June 27, 2013, the Board issued a [letter](#) announcing the creation of the Smart Grid Advisory Committee (the “Advisory Committee”) which is tasked with providing ongoing advice to the Board with respect to matters related to grid modernization. To date, the Advisory Committee has met several times and established three working groups that will report back to the Advisory Committee on topics including providing access to consumption data for low-volume customers and eliminating barriers to integrating electricity storage.

On August 15, 2013 the Board issued a [letter](#) which addressed cost awards related to the new Advisory Committee initiative. The Board indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for

their participation on the Advisory Committee and that costs awarded will be recovered from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors (80% of the costs awarded) and all rate-regulated licensed electricity transmitters (20% of the costs awarded). Costs will be apportioned within each class based on distribution or transmission revenues, as applicable. The letter also indicated that the Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area (“BOMA”) was determined to be eligible for an award of costs for its participation on the Advisory Committee.

A Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards was issued on January 27, 2014 (the “Notice of Hearing”) to address cost awards in relation to activities that took place up to December 31, 2013. As indicated in the Notice of Hearing, cost awards in relation to meetings of the Advisory Committee held after December 31, 2013 (as this is an ongoing initiative) will be addressed in due course.

The Notice of Hearing identified the activities in relation to which a cost claim may be filed for 2013, including both participation on the Advisory Committee and participation on one of its working groups (integrating electricity storage). The Notice of Hearing also established timelines for the filing of BOMA’s cost claim and of any objections to it, and included the template to be used for the purposes of filing a cost claim.

BOMA filed its cost claim after the date stipulated for that purpose in the Notice of Hearing, and filed a corrected cost claim thereafter. BOMA also omitted to serve distributors and transmitters with its corrected cost claim as required by the Notice of Hearing. The Board is satisfied that these issues were the result of administrative oversight, and has therefore nonetheless accepted BOMA’s corrected cost claim. The Board provided BOMA’s corrected cost claim to distributors and transmitters on April 22, 2014, and allowed them an opportunity to file any objections they might have by May 2, 2014. No objections were filed with the Board.

## Board Findings

The Board has reviewed BOMA's cost claim and finds that it is within the approved overall limits set by the Board. The Board therefore finds that BOMA is entitled to 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating on the Advisory Committee and on one of its working groups.

## Process for Paying the 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 and transmitters 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 rate-regulated licensed distributor and transmitter one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by the distributor or transmitter 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 and by each individual rate-regulated licensed transmitter in relation to the costs awarded to BOMA are as set out in **Appendix A** to this Decision and Order.
2. The distributors and transmitters listed in **Appendix A** to this Decision and Order shall pay the costs awarded to BOMA as set out in **Appendix A**.
3. The distributors and transmitters 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 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 distributor or transmitter, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* are due.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 5, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

## Appendix A

### To May 5, 2014 Decision and Order on Cost Awards

<b>Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator</b>	<b>BOMA</b>
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$ 14.85
Five Nations Energy Inc.	\$ 20.41
Great Lakes Power Ltd.	\$ 116.48
Niagara West Transformation Corp.	\$ 2.38
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$ 4,581.72
<b>TOTAL (Electricity Transmitters)</b>	<b>\$ 4,735.83</b>

<b>Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator</b>	<b>BOMA</b>
Algoma Power Inc.	\$ 116.62
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$ 6.99
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$ 6.10
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$ 125.49
Brant County Power Inc.	\$ 35.89
Brantford Power Inc.	\$ 85.00
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$ 205.30
Cambridge And North Dumfries Hydro Inc.	\$ 147.76
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$ 98.31
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$ 17.38
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$ 4.04
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$ 106.65
COLLUS Powerstream Corp.	\$ 41.18
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$ 4.78
Cornwall Street Railway Light And Power Company Ltd.	\$ 71.45
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$ 21.78
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	\$ 662.12
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$ 290.58
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation	\$ 47.63
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	\$ 9.04
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$ 66.06
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$ 65.30
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$ 4.10
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$ 10.35
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$ 142.56
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$ 28.71
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	\$ 152.12

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<b>Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator</b>	<b>BOMA</b>
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	\$ 84.22
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$ 62.59
Horizon Utilities Corporation	\$ 624.07
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$ 9.96
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$ 6.85
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$ 2.63
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	\$ 350.24
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$ 7,134.06
Hydro One Remote Communities Incorporated	\$ 127.05
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$ 884.60
Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Limited	\$ 51.25
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$ 5.57
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	\$ 16.95
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$ 65.63
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	\$ 250.33
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$ 30.53
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 33.82
London Hydro Inc.	\$ 366.29
Midland Power Utility Corporation	\$ 23.52
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$ 82.10
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 86.81
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$ 162.91
Niagara-On-The-Lake Hydro Inc.	\$ 28.30
Norfolk Power Distribution Inc.	\$ 67.04
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$ 67.60
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$ 16.05
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$ 196.98
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$ 36.14
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	\$ 47.77
Oshawa Puc Networks Inc.	\$ 108.98
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$ 23.43
Parry Sound Power Corporation	\$ 13.84
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	\$ 100.44
Powerstream Inc.	\$ 953.02
Puc Distribution Inc.	\$ 104.17
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$ 10.77
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$ 15.06
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	\$ 42.32
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$ 12.20
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$ 125.20

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<b>Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator</b>	<b>BOMA</b>
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$ 17.95
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$ 3,087.35
Veridian Connections Inc.	\$ 315.87
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$ 25.31
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	\$ 193.14
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$ 59.63
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$ 13.43
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	\$ 12.48
Westario Power Inc.	\$ 52.15
Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation	\$ 114.52
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	\$ 46.92
<b>TOTAL (Electricity Distributors)</b>	<b>\$ 18,943.32</b>
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>\$23,679.15</i></b>