



**EB-2014-0219**

**IN THE MATTER OF** a proceeding initiated by the Ontario Energy Board to review New Policy Options for the Funding of Capital Investments.

**BEFORE:** Marika Hare  
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel  
Board Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS  
November 17, 2014**

**BACKGROUND**

On June 20, 2014 the Ontario Energy Board initiated a consultation on New Policy Options for the Funding of Capital Investments. In that letter, the Board notified interested parties that cost awards would be available to eligible intervenors attending the stakeholder session on June 25, 2014, to a maximum equal to actual meeting time multiplied by 1.5 to account for preparation and reporting. Participants were also told that they would be eligible to claim costs for other eligible activities that may arise as part of this consultation process. The Board granted intervenor and cost award eligibility status to the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC").

The Board in its letter dated September 18, 2014 set out the process for SEC and VECC to file their cost claims by September 29, 2014. The letter stated that 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 and the Board will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards in this process.

The Board received cost claims from the SEC and VECC. No objections were received.

### **Board Findings on the Cost Claims of the Eligible Participants**

The Board notes that the cost claims filed by SEC and VECC are in accordance with the Board's letter dated June 20, 2014. 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 rate-regulated 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**

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. 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 electricity distributors at the same time as invoices for cost assessments are 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 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 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, November 17, 2014

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Appendix A**  
**to the Board's Decision and Order on Cost Awards**  
**Dated November 17, 2014**

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**Proceeding to review New Policy Options for the Funding of Capital Investments**

| <b>Electricity Distribution System<br/>Owner/Operator</b> | <b>SEC</b> | <b>VECC</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| ALGOMA POWER INC.                                         | \$ 20.20   | \$ 9.50     | \$ 29.70     |
| ATIKOKAN HYDRO INC.                                       | \$ 1.21    | \$ 0.57     | \$ 1.78      |
| ATTAWAPISKAT POWER CORP.                                  | \$ 1.06    | \$ 0.50     | \$ 1.55      |
| BLUEWATER POWER DISTRIBUTION<br>CORPORATION               | \$ 21.74   | \$ 10.22    | \$ 31.96     |
| BRANT COUNTY POWER INC.                                   | \$ 6.22    | \$ 2.92     | \$ 9.14      |
| BRANTFORD POWER INC.                                      | \$ 14.72   | \$ 6.93     | \$ 21.65     |
| BURLINGTON HYDRO INC.                                     | \$ 35.56   | \$ 16.73    | \$ 52.29     |
| CAMBRIDGE AND NORTH DUMFRIES HYDRO INC.                   | \$ 25.60   | \$ 12.04    | \$ 37.63     |
| CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.                               | \$ 17.03   | \$ 8.01     | \$ 25.04     |
| CENTRE WELLINGTON HYDRO LTD.                              | \$ 3.01    | \$ 1.42     | \$ 4.43      |
| CHAPLEAU PUBLIC UTILITIES CORPORATION                     | \$ 0.70    | \$ 0.33     | \$ 1.03      |
| ENTEGRUS POWERLINES INC.                                  | \$ 18.48   | \$ 8.69     | \$ 27.17     |
| COLLUS POWERSTREAM CORP.                                  | \$ 7.13    | \$ 3.36     | \$ 10.49     |
| COOPERATIVE HYDRO EMBRUN INC.                             | \$ 0.83    | \$ 0.39     | \$ 1.22      |
| CORNWALL STREET RAILWAY LIGHT AND POWER<br>COMPANY LTD.   | \$ 12.38   | \$ 5.82     | \$ 18.20     |
| E.L.K. ENERGY INC.                                        | \$ 3.77    | \$ 1.77     | \$ 5.55      |
| ENERSOURCE HYDRO MISSISSAUGA INC.                         | \$ 114.70  | \$ 53.95    | \$ 168.65    |
| ENWIN UTILITIES LTD.                                      | \$ 50.34   | \$ 23.68    | \$ 74.01     |
| ERIE THAMES POWERLINES CORPORATION                        | \$ 8.25    | \$ 3.88     | \$ 12.13     |
| ESPANOLA REGIONAL HYDRO DISTRIBUTION<br>CORPORATION       | \$ 1.57    | \$ 0.74     | \$ 2.30      |
| ESSEX POWERLINES CORPORATION                              | \$ 11.44   | \$ 5.38     | \$ 16.82     |
| FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.                                       | \$ 11.31   | \$ 5.32     | \$ 16.63     |
| FORT ALBANY POWER CORPORATION                             | \$ 0.71    | \$ 0.33     | \$ 1.04      |
| FORT FRANCES POWER CORPORATION                            | \$ 1.79    | \$ 0.84     | \$ 2.64      |
| GREATER SUDBURY HYDRO INC.                                | \$ 24.70   | \$ 11.62    | \$ 36.31     |
| GRIMSBY POWER INCORPORATED                                | \$ 4.97    | \$ 2.34     | \$ 7.31      |
| GUELPH HYDRO ELECTRIC SYSTEMS INC.                        | \$ 26.35   | \$ 12.40    | \$ 38.75     |
| HALDIMAND COUNTY HYDRO INC.                               | \$ 14.59   | \$ 6.86     | \$ 21.45     |

| <b>Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator</b> | <b>SEC</b>  | <b>VECC</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| HALTON HILLS HYDRO INC.                               | \$ 10.84    | \$ 5.10     | \$ 15.94     |
| HORIZON UTILITIES CORPORATION                         | \$ 108.11   | \$ 50.85    | \$ 158.96    |
| HYDRO HAWKESBURY INC.                                 | \$ 1.73     | \$ 0.81     | \$ 2.54      |
| HEARST POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED             | \$ 1.19     | \$ 0.56     | \$ 1.74      |
| HYDRO 2000 INC.                                       | \$ 0.45     | \$ 0.21     | \$ 0.67      |
| HYDRO ONE BRAMPTON NETWORKS INC.                      | \$ 60.67    | \$ 28.54    | \$ 89.21     |
| HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.                               | \$ 1,235.82 | \$ 581.29   | \$ 1,817.11  |
| HYDRO ONE REMOTE COMMUNITIES INCORPORATED             | \$ 22.01    | \$ 10.35    | \$ 32.36     |
| HYDRO OTTAWA LIMITED                                  | \$ 153.24   | \$ 72.08    | \$ 225.31    |
| INNISFIL HYDRO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS LIMITED           | \$ 8.88     | \$ 4.18     | \$ 13.06     |
| KASHECHEWAN POWER CORPORATION                         | \$ 0.97     | \$ 0.45     | \$ 1.42      |
| KENORA HYDRO ELECTRIC CORPORATION LTD.                | \$ 2.94     | \$ 1.38     | \$ 4.32      |
| KINGSTON HYDRO CORPORATION                            | \$ 11.37    | \$ 5.35     | \$ 16.72     |
| KITCHENER-WILMOT HYDRO INC.                           | \$ 43.36    | \$ 20.40    | \$ 63.76     |
| LAKEFRONT UTILITIES INC.                              | \$ 5.29     | \$ 2.49     | \$ 7.78      |
| LAKELAND POWER DISTRIBUTION LTD.                      | \$ 5.86     | \$ 2.76     | \$ 8.62      |
| LONDON HYDRO INC.                                     | \$ 63.45    | \$ 29.85    | \$ 93.30     |
| MIDLAND POWER UTILITY CORPORTION                      | \$ 4.07     | \$ 1.92     | \$ 5.99      |
| MILTON HYDRO DISTRIBUTION INC.                        | \$ 14.22    | \$ 6.69     | \$ 20.91     |
| NEWMARKET-TAY POWER DISTRIBUTION LTD.                 | \$ 15.04    | \$ 7.07     | \$ 22.11     |
| NIAGARA PENINSULA ENERGY INC.                         | \$ 28.22    | \$ 13.27    | \$ 41.50     |
| NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HYDRO INC.                        | \$ 4.90     | \$ 2.31     | \$ 7.21      |
| NORFOLK POWER DISTRIBUTION INC.                       | \$ 11.61    | \$ 5.46     | \$ 17.07     |
| NORTH BAY HYDRO DISTRIBUTION LIMITED                  | \$ 11.71    | \$ 5.51     | \$ 17.22     |
| NORTHERN ONTARIO WIRES INC.                           | \$ 2.78     | \$ 1.31     | \$ 4.09      |
| OAKVILLE HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC.          | \$ 34.12    | \$ 16.05    | \$ 50.17     |
| ORANGEVILLE HYDRO LIMITED                             | \$ 6.26     | \$ 2.94     | \$ 9.21      |
| ORILLIA POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION                | \$ 8.28     | \$ 3.89     | \$ 12.17     |
| OSHAWA PUC NETWORKS INC.                              | \$ 18.88    | \$ 8.88     | \$ 27.76     |
| OTTAWA RIVER POWER CORPORATION                        | \$ 4.06     | \$ 1.91     | \$ 5.97      |
| PARRY SOUND POWER CORPORATION                         | \$ 2.40     | \$ 1.13     | \$ 3.53      |
| PETERBOROUGH DISTRIBUTION INCORPORATED                | \$ 17.40    | \$ 8.18     | \$ 25.58     |
| POWERSTREAM INC.                                      | \$ 165.09   | \$ 77.65    | \$ 242.74    |
| PUC DISTRIBUTION INC.                                 | \$ 18.05    | \$ 8.49     | \$ 26.53     |
| RENFREW HYDRO INC.                                    | \$ 1.87     | \$ 0.88     | \$ 2.74      |
| RIDEAU ST. LAWRENCE DISTRIBUTION INC.                 | \$ 2.61     | \$ 1.23     | \$ 3.84      |

| Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator  | SEC       | VECC      | TOTAL     |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ST. THOMAS ENERGY INC.                          | \$ 7.33   | \$ 3.45   | \$ 10.78  |
| SIOUX LOOKOUT HYDRO INC.                        | \$ 2.11   | \$ 0.99   | \$ 3.11   |
| THUNDER BAY HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC. | \$ 21.69  | \$ 10.20  | \$ 31.89  |
| TILLSONBURG HYDRO INC.                          | \$ 3.11   | \$ 1.46   | \$ 4.57   |
| TORONTO HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM LIMITED           | \$ 534.82 | \$ 251.56 | \$ 786.38 |
| VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC.                       | \$ 54.72  | \$ 25.74  | \$ 80.45  |
| WASAGA DISTRIBUTION INC.                        | \$ 4.39   | \$ 2.06   | \$ 6.45   |
| WATERLOO NORTH HYDRO INC.                       | \$ 33.46  | \$ 15.74  | \$ 49.19  |
| WELLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM CORP.             | \$ 10.33  | \$ 4.86   | \$ 15.19  |
| WELLINGTON NORTH POWER INC.                     | \$ 2.33   | \$ 1.09   | \$ 3.42   |
| WEST COAST HURON ENERGY INC.                    | \$ 2.16   | \$ 1.02   | \$ 3.18   |
| WESTARIO POWER INC.                             | \$ 9.03   | \$ 4.25   | \$ 13.28  |
| WHITBY HYDRO ELECTIRC CORPORATION               | \$ 19.84  | \$ 9.33   | \$ 29.17  |
| WOODSTOCK HYDRO SERVICES INC.                   | \$ 8.13   | \$ 3.82   | \$ 11.95  |

**TOTAL ED**

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| \$ 3,281.52 | \$ 1,543.51 | \$ 4,825.03 |
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