

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2011-0043

Regional Planning Process Advisory Group

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel Presiding Member

> Christine Long Member

December 11, 2015

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) established a Regional Planning Process Advisory Group (RPPAG) (formerly the Regional Planning Standing Committee) to provide the OEB with on-going assistance related to the review and maintenance of the regional infrastructure planning process.

In its August 18, 2014 letter, the OEB indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy OEB Act, 1998* (the Act) in relation to their participation in Regional Planning Standing Committee activities, and that costs awarded, as well any OEB costs, will be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors and all rate-regulated electricity transmitters. In its November 20, 2015 Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards and Decision on Apportionment of Cost Award Recovery (the Notice), the OEB determined that costs awarded will be apportioned as follows: (a) 60% of the costs awarded will be recovered from rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors and apportioned amongst them based on their respective distribution revenues; and (b) 40% of the costs awarded will be recovered from rate-regulated licensed electricity transmitters and apportioned amongst them based on their respective transmission revenues.

The OEB issued its Decision on Cost Eligibility on January 22, 2015 granting the Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO), Iain Angus and Ray Quinn cost award eligibility (collectively, eligible parties).

The OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards dated November 20, 2015 and determined that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act) in relation to RPPAG activities:

- May 26, 2015 (10:00AM 4:00PM)
- September 15, 2015 (10:00AM 4:00PM)

The OEB received cost claims from Iain Angus and Ray Quinn. No objections were received. APPrO did not submit a cost claim.

OEB Findings

The OEB notes that the cost claims filed by Iain Angus and Ray Quinn are in accordance with the OEB's Notice dated November 20, 2015. The OEB finds that both of those eligible parties are entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each licensed electricity distributor in relation to costs awarded to each eligible party is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order. However, the amounts will not be paid directly by the distributor to the party.

The OEB 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 OEB 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 OEB Act. The practice of the OEB 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 OEB THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Each distributor listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall pay the amounts set out in Schedule A in relation to the costs awarded to each eligible party.
- 2. Each distributor listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this consultation.
- 3. The payments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be made to the OEB 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 OEB Act are due.

DATED at Toronto December 11, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

Schedule A

OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards

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Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator						
		in Angus		Ray Quinn		Total
Algoma Power Inc.	\$	2.36	\$	3.05	\$	5.41
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$	0.15	\$	0.20	\$	0.35
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$	0.12	\$	0.15	\$	0.27
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$	2.26	\$	2.91	\$	5.18
Brant County Power Inc.	\$	0.70	\$	0.90	\$	1.59
Brantford Power Inc.	\$	1.69	\$	2.18	\$	3.87
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$	3.49	\$	4.50	\$	7.99
Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc.	\$	2.96	\$	3.82	\$	6.78
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$	2.08	\$	2.68	\$	4.75
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$	0.38	\$	0.49	\$	0.88
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$	0.10	\$	0.12	\$	0.22
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$	2.10	\$	2.71	\$	4.82
Collus PowerStream Corp.	\$	0.69	\$	0.89	\$	1.58
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$	0.10	\$	0.12	\$	0.22
Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company	¢	4.07	¢	4 77	۴	0.44
Ltd.	\$	1.37	\$	1.77	\$	3.14
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$	0.41	\$	0.53	\$	0.94
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	\$	13.03	\$	16.81	\$	29.84
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$	5.50	\$	7.09	\$	12.59
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation	\$	1.18	\$	1.53	\$	2.71
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	\$	0.22	\$	0.28	\$	0.50
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$	1.26	\$	1.62	\$	2.88
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$	1.23	\$	1.58	\$	2.81
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$	0.08	\$	0.11	\$	0.19
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$	0.21	\$	0.27	\$	0.48
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$	2.91	\$	3.76	\$	6.67
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$	0.47	\$	0.61	\$	1.08
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	\$	2.95	\$	3.81	\$	6.76
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	\$	1.62	\$	2.09	\$	3.72
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$	1.04	\$	1.34	\$	2.39
Horizon Utilities Corporation	\$	11.72	\$	15.11	\$	26.82
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$	0.17	\$	0.22	\$	0.39
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$	0.13	\$	0.16	\$	0.29
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$	0.06	\$	0.07	\$	0.13
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	\$	7.42	\$	9.57	\$	16.99
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$	141.67	\$	182.65	\$	324.32

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	lain Angus Ray Quinn		Tetel		
Hydro One Remote Communities Incorporated	\$ 2.62	\$	ay Quinn 3.38	\$	Total 6.00
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$ 16.99	\$	21.90	\$	38.88
Innpower Corporation	\$ 0.85	\$	1.10	\$	1.95
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$ 0.11	\$	0.14	\$	0.25
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	\$ 0.32	\$	0.41	\$	0.74
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$ 1.45	\$	1.87	\$	3.32
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	\$ 4.44	\$	5.73	\$	10.17
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$ 0.51	\$	0.66	\$	1.17
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 0.92	\$	1.19	\$	2.11
London Hydro Inc.	\$ 7.18	\$	9.26	\$	16.43
Midland Power Utility Corporation	\$ 0.40	\$	0.52	\$	0.92
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$ 1.68	\$	2.17	\$	3.85
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 1.73	\$	2.23	\$	3.95
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$ 3.14	\$	4.05	\$	7.19
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$ 0.57	\$	0.74	\$	1.31
Norfolk Power Distribution Inc.	\$ 1.31	\$	1.69	\$	3.01
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$ 1.32	\$	1.70	\$	3.02
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$ 0.42	\$	0.55	\$	0.97
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$ 3.92	\$	5.06	\$	8.98
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$ 0.62	\$	0.80	\$	1.42
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	\$ 0.90	\$	1.16	\$	2.05
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$ 2.10	\$	2.71	\$	4.81
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$ 0.45	\$	0.58	\$	1.03
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	\$ 1.75	\$	2.25	\$	4.00
Powerstream Inc.	\$ 18.09	\$	23.33	\$	41.42
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$ 2.15	\$	2.77	\$	4.91
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$ 0.21	\$	0.27	\$	0.47
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$ 0.29	\$	0.38	\$	0.68
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	\$ 0.77	\$	1.00	\$	1.77
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$ 0.22	\$	0.28	\$	0.50
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$ 2.10	\$	2.71	\$	4.81
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$ 0.42	\$	0.55	\$	0.97
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$ 60.85	\$	78.45	\$	139.29
Veridian Connections Inc.	\$ 5.56	\$	7.17	\$	12.72
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$ 0.39	\$	0.51	\$	0.90
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	\$ 3.57	\$	4.60	\$	8.16
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$ 0.99	\$	1.28	\$	2.27
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$ 0.27	\$	0.35	\$	0.62

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	lai	n Angus	Ra	y Quinn	Total
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	\$	0.29	\$	0.38	\$ 0.67
Westario Power Inc.	\$	1.16	\$	1.50	\$ 2.66
Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation	\$	2.56	\$	3.30	\$ 5.86
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	\$	0.96	\$	1.24	\$ 2.21
ED TOTAL	\$	370.42	\$	477.58	\$ 848.00

Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator	lain Angus		Ray Quinn		Total	
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$	0.76	\$	0.98	\$	1.74
Five Nations Energy Inc.	\$	1.05	\$	1.35	\$	2.40
Great Lakes Power Ltd.	\$	6.19	\$	7.99	\$	14.18
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$	238.94	\$	308.07	\$	547.02
ET TOTAL	\$	246.94	\$	318.39	\$	565.33
Awarded Amounts	\$	617.36	\$	795.97	\$	1,413.33