



Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2014-0219

**Cost Awards in relation to review New Policy Options for the
Funding of Capital Investments**

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Christine Long
Member

March 29, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On June 20, 2014 the OEB initiated a consultation on New Policy Options for the Funding of Capital Investments. The OEB notified interested parties that cost awards would be available to eligible intervenors attending a stakeholder session on June 25, 2014. On November 17, 2014, the OEB issued its Decision and Order on Cost Awards for the stakeholder session on June 25, 2014.

On September 18, 2014, following work by OEB staff in a consultation with a working group of utility and stakeholder representatives, the OEB issued its Report of the Board, *New Policy Options for the Funding of Capital Investments: The Advanced Capital Module* (the ACM Report). In the ACM Report, the OEB introduced the new ACM but did not make a determination with respect to the elimination of the effect of the half year rule on test year capital additions for incentive rate-setting years. There were other matters on the ACM/ICM approach which were considered during the initial work, particularly related to the materiality threshold formula, which remained unresolved as well. At that time, the OEB indicated that it would continue to review these matters.

The OEB subsequently set a supplemental phase of the consultation. A new working group was formed and on January 16, 2016, the OEB issued its final report on *New Policy Options for the Funding of Capital Investments*. In that report, the OEB set out the process for intervenors to file any outstanding cost claims by February 5, 2016.

A cost claim was submitted by the School Energy Coalition (SEC). No objection was received.

OEB Findings on the Cost Claim of the Eligible Participant

The OEB notes that the cost claim filed by SEC is in accordance with the OEB's letter dated June 20, 2014. The OEB finds that SEC 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 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 electricity distributors at the same time as invoices for cost assessments are made under section 26 of the Act. The practice of the OEB 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 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. The amounts to be paid by each individual distributor in relation to the costs awarded to SEC are as set out in Schedule A to this Decision and Order.
2. The individual distributors listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall pay the costs awarded to SEC as set out in Schedule A.
3. The individual distributors listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this consultation.
4. Payment of cost awards and of the OEB'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 March 29, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Schedule A
to the OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards
Dated: March 29, 2016

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

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	SEC	Total
Algoma Power Inc.	\$ 69.21	\$ 69.21
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$ 4.45	\$ 4.45
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$ 3.40	\$ 3.40
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$ 66.26	\$ 66.26
Brantford Power Inc.	\$ 49.60	\$ 49.60
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$ 102.29	\$ 102.29
Energy + Inc.	\$ 107.14	\$ 107.14
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$ 60.81	\$ 60.81
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$ 11.21	\$ 11.21
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$ 2.82	\$ 2.82
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$ 61.67	\$ 61.67
Collus PowerStream Corp.	\$ 20.25	\$ 20.25
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$ 2.79	\$ 2.79
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$ 12.08	\$ 12.08
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	\$ 381.96	\$ 381.96
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$ 161.21	\$ 161.21
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation	\$ 34.68	\$ 34.68
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	\$ 6.42	\$ 6.42
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$ 36.90	\$ 36.90
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$ 35.96	\$ 35.96
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$ 2.39	\$ 2.39
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$ 6.16	\$ 6.16
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$ 85.38	\$ 85.38
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$ 13.87	\$ 13.87
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	\$ 86.59	\$ 86.59
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	\$ 47.59	\$ 47.59
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$ 30.55	\$ 30.55
Horizon Utilities Corporation	\$ 343.37	\$ 343.37
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$ 5.02	\$ 5.02
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$ 3.69	\$ 3.69
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$ 1.64	\$ 1.64
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	\$ 217.49	\$ 217.49
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$ 4,189.71	\$ 4,189.71

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	SEC	Total
Hydro One Remote Communities Incorporated	\$ 76.79	\$ 76.79
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$ 497.73	\$ 497.73
Innpower Corporation	\$ 24.96	\$ 24.96
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$ 3.23	\$ 3.23
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	\$ 9.42	\$ 9.42
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$ 42.48	\$ 42.48
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	\$ 130.18	\$ 130.18
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$ 14.93	\$ 14.93
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 26.99	\$ 26.99
London Hydro Inc.	\$ 210.35	\$ 210.35
Midland Power Utility Corporation	\$ 11.78	\$ 11.78
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$ 49.23	\$ 49.23
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 50.62	\$ 50.62
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$ 91.98	\$ 91.98
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$ 16.81	\$ 16.81
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$ 38.64	\$ 38.64
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$ 12.43	\$ 12.43
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$ 18.17	\$ 18.17
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	\$ 26.30	\$ 26.30
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$ 61.51	\$ 61.51
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$ 13.24	\$ 13.24
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	\$ 51.18	\$ 51.18
Powerstream Inc.	\$ 530.24	\$ 530.24
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$ 62.89	\$ 62.89
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$ 6.07	\$ 6.07
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$ 8.64	\$ 8.64
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	\$ 22.68	\$ 22.68
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$ 6.44	\$ 6.44
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$ 61.54	\$ 61.54
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$ 12.44	\$ 12.44
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$ 1,782.94	\$ 1,782.94
Veridian Connections Inc.	\$ 162.88	\$ 162.88
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$ 11.56	\$ 11.56
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	\$ 104.51	\$ 104.51
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$ 29.01	\$ 29.01
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$ 7.98	\$ 7.98
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	\$ 8.54	\$ 8.54
Westario Power Inc.	\$ 33.99	\$ 33.99

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	SEC	Total
Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation	\$ 75.03	\$ 75.03
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	\$ 28.23	\$ 28.23
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TOTAL	\$ 10,814.10	\$ 10,814.10
