



DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2011-0043

Regional Planning Process Advisory Group

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Christine Long
Member

July 5, 2016

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* (Act) in relation to their participation in RPPAG 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 May 5, 2015 [Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards and Decision on Apportionment of Cost Award Recovery](#), the OEB determined that costs awarded would be recovered from rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors and transmitters, with the apportionment within each class being based on revenues. That apportionment was consistent with the methodology that was in place at the time for allocating costs for cost assessment purposes under section 26 of the Act. On February 9, 2016, the OEB issued a [letter](#) giving notice of changes to its Cost Assessment Model. Specifically, under the revised Cost Assessment Model, cost assessments for distributors are now based on customer numbers rather than revenues. The OEB considers it appropriate to apportion cost awards for this initiative in a manner consistent with the revised Cost Assessment Model. The OEB has therefore determined that costs awarded will be apportioned within the distributor class based on customer numbers. While apportionment within the transmitter class will continue to be based on revenues, it is now based on the most recent three year average from their audited financial statements or similar documentation rather than the most recent year. Schedule A has been prepared accordingly.

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 May 16, 2016 and determined that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the Act in relation to the following RPPAG activities:

- December 3, 2015 (10:00AM – 4:00PM)
- February 10, 2016 (10:00AM – 2:00PM)
- April 26, 2016 (10:00AM – 2:00PM)

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 parameters reiterated in the May 16, 2016 Notice. The OEB finds that both of those Eligible Parties are entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this advisory group.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each rate-regulated licensed electricity distributor and transmitter 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 and transmitter 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 initiative. Invoices will be issued to distributors and transmitters at the same time as the invoices for cost assessments are issued under section 26 of the Act. The practice of the OEB is to issue to each licensed distributor and each licensed transmitter one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by the licensee 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. Each rate-regulated licensed electricity distributor and transmitter 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 and transmitter listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this advisory group.

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 transmitter, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

DATED at Toronto July 5, 2016

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	Iain Angus	Ray Quinn	TOTAL
Algoma Power Inc.	1.05	0.85	1.90
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	0.15	0.12	0.27
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	0.04	0.03	0.08
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	3.23	2.64	5.87
Brantford Power Inc.	3.46	2.82	6.28
Burlington Hydro Inc.	5.94	4.85	10.79
Energy + Inc.	5.58	4.55	10.14
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	2.57	2.09	4.66
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	0.60	0.49	1.09
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	0.11	0.09	0.20
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	3.63	2.96	6.58
Collus PowerStream Corp.	1.45	1.18	2.63
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	0.18	0.14	0.32
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	1.06	0.86	1.92
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	17.93	14.63	32.56
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	7.73	6.31	14.04
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation	1.64	1.34	2.98
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	0.30	0.24	0.54
Essex Powerlines Corporation	2.55	2.08	4.63
Festival Hydro Inc.	1.81	1.48	3.29
Fort Albany Power Corporation	0.03	0.02	0.05
Fort Frances Power Corporation	0.34	0.27	0.61
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	4.23	3.45	7.67
Grimsby Power Incorporated	0.96	0.78	1.75
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	4.70	3.83	8.53
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	1.91	1.56	3.46
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	1.91	1.56	3.48
Horizon Utilities Corporation	21.44	17.49	38.92
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	0.50	0.41	0.90
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	0.25	0.20	0.45
Hydro 2000 Inc.	0.11	0.09	0.20
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	13.09	10.68	23.78

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Iain Angus	Ray Quinn	TOTAL
Hydro One Networks Inc.	111.32	90.82	202.13
Hydro One Remote Communities Incorporated	0.32	0.26	0.58
Hydro Ottawa Limited	28.25	23.05	51.30
Innpower Corporation	1.38	1.13	2.51
Kashechewan Power Corporation	0.03	0.03	0.06
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	0.50	0.41	0.91
Kingston Hydro Corporation	2.43	1.98	4.42
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	8.09	6.60	14.69
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	0.89	0.72	1.61
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	1.19	0.97	2.16
London Hydro Inc.	13.57	11.07	24.64
Midland Power Utility Corporation	0.63	0.51	1.14
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	3.04	2.48	5.52
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	3.09	2.52	5.62
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	4.61	3.76	8.37
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	0.76	0.62	1.39
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	2.15	1.76	3.91
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	0.54	0.44	0.99
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	5.85	4.77	10.62
Orangeville Hydro Limited	1.04	0.84	1.88
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	1.19	0.97	2.16
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	4.85	3.96	8.81
Ottawa River Power Corporation	0.96	0.79	1.75
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	3.21	2.62	5.83
Powerstream Inc.	31.14	25.41	56.55
PUC Distribution Inc.	2.99	2.44	5.43
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	0.38	0.31	0.69
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	0.53	0.43	0.96
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	1.48	1.20	2.68
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	0.25	0.20	0.45
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	4.51	3.68	8.19
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	0.62	0.50	1.12
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	65.79	53.67	119.45
Veridian Connections Inc.	10.45	8.53	18.97
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	1.15	0.94	2.08

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Iain Angus	Ray Quinn	TOTAL
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	4.86	3.96	8.82
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	2.00	1.63	3.63
Wellington North Power Inc.	0.33	0.27	0.60
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	0.34	0.28	0.61
Westario Power Inc.	2.04	1.66	3.70
Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation	3.70	3.02	6.72
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	1.40	1.14	2.54
SUBTOTAL	444.29	362.47	806.75

Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator	Iain Angus	Ray Quinn	TOTAL
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	0.90	0.74	1.64
Five Nations Energy Inc.	1.24	1.01	2.26
Great Lakes Power Ltd.	7.30	5.96	13.26
Hydro One Networks Inc.	286.74	233.93	520.67
SUBTOTAL	296.19	241.64	537.84

GRAND TOTAL	740.48	604.11	1344.59
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