



DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2015-0182

Electricity Distribution System Reliability: Major Events, Reporting on Major Events, and Customer Specific Measures

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Christine Long
Vice Chair and Member

July 26, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On December 7, 2015, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) posted a Report entitled “Electricity Distribution System Reliability: Major Events, Reporting on Major Events and Customer Specific Measures (the Report)”. The Report related to an initiative to (a) develop a definition of a “Major Event” that will be used to normalize reliability data that is reported to the OEB; (b) develop criteria and new reporting requirements that will be used to evaluate a distributor’s response to a Major Event; and (c) establish an approach to implementing “customer specific” system reliability measures.

On May 3, 2016, the OEB issued the Amendments to the Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements Regarding System Reliability and on June 1, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision on Cost Eligibility and Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (Decision and Notice) and granted the following persons cost award eligibility:

- Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)

In that Decision and Notice, the OEB stated that cost awards would be available under section 30 on the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) in relation to the provision of comments on the Report up to **a maximum of 12 hours**.

The OEB received a cost claim from CME. BOMA did not file a cost claim. No objection was received in relation to the cost claim of CME.

In the Decision and Notice, the OEB determined that costs awarded would be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution 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 OEB 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 distribution revenues. The OEB considers it appropriate to apportion cost awards for this initiative in a manner consistent with the revised Cost Assessment Model, and has therefore determined that costs awarded will be apportioned within the distributor class based on customer numbers rather than distribution revenues. This revised apportionment is reflected in Schedule A.

OEB Findings

The OEB notes that the cost claim filed by CME is in accordance with OEB Decision and Notice referenced above. The OEB finds that CME is entitled to 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding and will award CME \$1,697.26.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

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

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 the payment 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 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD 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 the Eligible Participant.
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 July 26, 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 Reliability:

Major Events, Reporting on Major Events, and Customer Specific Measures

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	CME
Algoma Power Inc.	3.97
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	0.57
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	0.16
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	12.28
Brantford Power Inc.	13.16
Burlington Hydro Inc.	22.58
Energy + Inc.	21.22
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	9.75
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	2.29
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	0.43
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	13.78
Collus PowerStream Corp.	5.51
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	0.67
Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Ltd.	8.27
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	4.01
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	68.17
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	29.40
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation	6.24
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	1.13
Essex Powerlines Corporation	9.69
Festival Hydro Inc.	6.90
Fort Albany Power Corporation	0.10
Fort Frances Power Corporation	1.28
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	16.06
Grimsby Power Incorporated	3.66
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	17.85
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	7.25
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	7.28
Horizon Utilities Corporation	81.49

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	CME
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	1.89
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	0.94
Hydro 2000 Inc.	0.42
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	49.78
Hydro One Networks Inc.	423.17
Hydro One Remote Communities Incorporated	1.21
Hydro Ottawa Limited	107.41
Innpower Corporation	5.26
Kashechewan Power Corporation	0.12
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	1.90
Kingston Hydro Corporation	9.24
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	30.75
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	3.37
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	4.51
London Hydro Inc.	51.58
Midland Power Utility Corporation	2.39
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	11.55
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	11.77
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	17.53
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	2.90
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	8.18
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	2.07
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	22.24
Orangeville Hydro Limited	3.94
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	4.52
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	18.44
Ottawa River Power Corporation	3.66
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	12.22
Powerstream Inc.	118.39
PUC Distribution Inc.	11.37
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	1.44
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	2.00
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	5.61
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	0.94
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	17.15
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	2.34
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	250.09
Veridian Connections Inc.	39.72
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	4.36

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	CME
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	18.46
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	7.61
Wellington North Power Inc.	1.26
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	1.29
Westario Power Inc.	7.75
Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation	14.07
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	5.31

TOTAL

\$ 1,697.26