



# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**EB-2015-0043**

**Distribution Rate Design for Commercial and Industrial Customers**

**BEFORE:** Cathy Spoel  
Presiding Member

Christine Long  
Vice Chair and Member

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**January 11, 2017**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) initiated a process to update the distribution rates for commercial and industrial electricity customers (C/I Rate Design).

In its [May 28, 2015 letter](#), the OEB indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, (Act) related to their participation in C/I Rate Design activities. In that letter, the OEB stated that cost awards will be recovered from all rate regulated distributors apportioned on a pro-rata basis relative to their contributions to the OEB's annual cost assessment. Those contributions are now collected based on customer numbers.

As identified in the OEB's July 16, 2015, [Decision on Cost Eligibility](#) and two subsequent decisions related to cost eligibility requests ([Decision regarding Energy Storage Ontario](#) and [Decision regarding Ontario Federation of Agriculture](#)) the following participants are eligible for cost awards (collectively, eligible parties):

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPoO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Canadian Solar Industries Association (CanSIA)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Energy Storage Ontario Inc. (ESO)
- Environmental Defence (ED)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

On October 19, 2016, the OEB issued its [Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards](#) in relation to the consultation activities from May 2015 through the end of July 2016.

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, APPoO, BOMA, CME, CFIB, CanSIA, Energy Probe, ESO, ED, LPMA and SEC. OFA did not submit a cost claim. No objection was received.

## OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed by AMPCO, APPrO, BOMA, CME, CFIB, CanSIA, Energy Probe, ESO, ED, LPMA and SEC to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB has determined that the cost claims submitted by AMPCO, APPrO, CME, CFIB, CanSIA, Energy Probe, ESO, ED, and SEC are in accordance with the OEB's Notice dated October 16, 2016. The OEB finds that each of these Eligible Participants is entitled to 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding.

The claim of BOMA requires a minor reduction because the courier charge did not match the receipt. The claim of LPMA also requires a minor reduction due to a calculation error in hotel charge.

The Board finds that the claims of AMPCO, APPrO, CME, CFIB, CanSIA, Energy Probe, ESO, ED, and SEC and the adjusted claims of BOMA and LPMA are reasonable. The OEB approves cost awards for the eligible participants as follows:

• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$7,782.88
• Association of Power Producers of Ontario	\$5,808.20
• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$8,881.00
• Canadian Federation of Independent Business	\$5,956.80
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$6,317.83
• Canadian Solar Industries Association	\$4,938.10
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$3,123.11
• Energy Storage Ontario Inc.	\$4,822.28
• Environmental Defence	\$1,746.05
• London Property Management Association	\$7,333.42
• School Energy Coalition	\$8,856.38

## Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each licensed electricity distributor in relation to costs awarded to each 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* 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 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 each 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 paragraph 1 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 Act are due.

**DATED** at Toronto January 11, 2017

**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	AMPCO	APPrO	BOMA	CME	CFIB	CSIA	EP	ESO	ED	LPMA	SEC	TOTAL
Algoma Power Inc.	18.31	13.66	20.89	14.86	14.01	11.62	7.35	11.34	4.11	17.25	20.83	154.25
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	2.62	1.95	2.98	2.12	2.00	1.66	1.05	1.62	0.59	2.46	2.98	22.04
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	0.72	0.54	0.83	0.59	0.55	0.46	0.29	0.45	0.16	0.68	0.82	6.11
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	56.59	42.23	64.58	45.94	43.32	35.91	22.71	35.07	12.70	53.33	64.40	476.77
Brantford Power Inc.	60.62	45.24	69.17	49.21	46.40	38.46	24.32	37.56	13.60	57.12	68.98	510.67
Burlington Hydro Inc.	104.07	77.66	118.75	84.48	79.65	66.03	41.76	64.48	23.35	98.06	118.42	876.72
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	44.95	33.54	51.29	36.49	34.40	28.52	18.04	27.85	10.08	42.35	51.15	378.65
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	10.53	7.86	12.02	8.55	8.06	6.68	4.23	6.53	2.36	9.93	11.99	88.74
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	1.97	1.47	2.25	1.60	1.51	1.25	0.79	1.22	0.44	1.86	2.24	16.60
Collus PowerStream Corp.	25.38	18.94	28.96	20.60	19.43	16.10	10.19	15.73	5.69	23.92	28.88	213.83
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	3.10	2.31	3.53	2.51	2.37	1.96	1.24	1.92	0.69	2.92	3.52	26.08
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	18.49	13.80	21.10	15.01	14.15	11.73	7.42	11.45	4.15	17.42	21.04	155.74
Energy + Inc.	97.80	72.99	111.60	79.39	74.85	62.05	39.24	60.60	21.94	92.15	111.29	823.90

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	AMPCO	APPrO	BOMA	CME	CFIB	CSIA	EP	ESO	ED	LPMA	SEC	TOTAL
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	314.11	234.42	358.43	254.98	240.41	199.30	126.05	194.62	70.47	295.97	357.44	2646.21
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	63.52	47.40	72.48	51.56	48.61	40.30	25.49	39.36	14.25	59.85	72.28	535.10
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	135.46	101.09	154.57	109.96	103.67	85.95	54.36	83.93	30.39	127.63	154.14	1141.14
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation	28.75	21.46	32.81	23.34	22.01	18.24	11.54	17.82	6.45	27.09	32.72	242.24
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	5.19	3.88	5.93	4.22	3.98	3.30	2.08	3.22	1.17	4.89	5.91	43.75
Essex Powerlines Corporation	44.66	33.33	50.97	36.26	34.19	28.34	17.92	27.67	10.02	42.09	50.83	376.27
Festival Hydro Inc.	31.78	23.72	36.27	25.80	24.33	20.17	12.75	19.69	7.13	29.95	36.17	267.75
Fort Albany Power Corporation	0.44	0.33	0.50	0.36	0.34	0.28	0.18	0.27	0.10	0.41	0.50	3.69
Fort Frances Power Corporation	5.89	4.39	6.72	4.78	4.51	3.74	2.36	3.65	1.32	5.55	6.70	49.61
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	74.02	55.24	84.46	60.08	56.65	46.96	29.70	45.86	16.61	69.74	84.23	623.54
Grimsby Power Incorporated	16.84	12.57	19.22	13.67	12.89	10.69	6.76	10.44	3.78	15.87	19.17	141.91
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	82.25	61.38	93.85	66.77	62.95	52.19	33.00	50.96	18.45	77.50	93.59	692.90
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	33.40	24.93	38.12	27.12	25.57	21.19	13.40	20.70	7.49	31.48	38.01	281.41
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	33.52	25.02	38.25	27.21	25.66	21.27	13.45	20.77	7.52	31.59	38.15	282.42
Horizon Utilities Corporation	375.50	280.23	428.48	304.82	287.40	238.25	150.68	232.66	84.24	353.82	427.30	3163.38
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	8.70	6.49	9.93	7.06	6.66	5.52	3.49	5.39	1.95	8.20	9.90	73.31
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	4.35	3.25	4.96	3.53	3.33	2.76	1.74	2.69	0.98	4.10	4.95	36.63

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Hydro 2000 Inc.	1.92	1.43	2.19	1.56	1.47	1.22	0.77	1.19	0.43	1.81	2.18	16.16
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	229.38	171.18	261.74	186.20	175.56	145.54	92.04	142.12	51.46	216.13	261.02	1932.37
Hydro One Networks Inc.	1949.99	1455.24	2225.12	1582.92	1492.47	1237.23	782.49	1208.22	437.47	1837.38	2218.95	16427.48
Hydro One Remote Communities Incorporated	5.56	4.15	6.35	4.52	4.26	3.53	2.23	3.45	1.25	5.24	6.33	46.87
Hydro Ottawa Limited	494.94	369.36	564.77	401.77	378.81	314.03	198.61	306.67	111.04	466.36	563.21	4169.57
Innpower Corporation	24.22	18.08	27.64	19.66	18.54	15.37	9.72	15.01	5.43	22.83	27.57	204.08
Kashechewan Power Corporation	0.55	0.41	0.63	0.45	0.42	0.35	0.22	0.34	0.12	0.52	0.63	4.67
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	8.75	6.53	9.99	7.11	6.70	5.55	3.51	5.42	1.96	8.25	9.96	73.75
Kingston Hydro Corporation	42.60	31.79	48.61	34.58	32.60	27.03	17.09	26.39	9.56	40.14	48.47	358.86
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	141.69	105.74	161.68	115.02	108.45	89.90	56.86	87.79	31.79	133.51	161.23	1193.65
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	15.53	11.59	17.72	12.61	11.89	9.85	6.23	9.62	3.48	14.63	17.67	130.84
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	20.80	15.52	23.73	16.88	15.92	13.20	8.35	12.89	4.67	19.60	23.67	175.20
London Hydro Inc.	237.67	177.37	271.20	192.93	181.90	150.80	95.37	147.26	53.32	223.94	270.45	2002.20
Midland Power Utility Corporation	11.02	8.23	12.58	8.95	8.44	7.00	4.42	6.83	2.47	10.39	12.55	92.88
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	53.23	39.73	60.74	43.21	40.74	33.78	21.36	32.98	11.94	50.16	60.57	448.45
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	54.21	40.46	61.86	44.01	41.49	34.40	21.76	33.59	12.16	51.08	61.69	456.72

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Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	80.77	60.28	92.17	65.57	61.82	51.25	32.41	50.05	18.12	76.11	91.91	680.46
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	13.37	9.98	15.26	10.85	10.23	8.48	5.37	8.29	3.00	12.60	15.22	112.65
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	37.72	28.15	43.04	30.62	28.87	23.93	15.13	23.37	8.46	35.54	42.92	317.74
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	9.54	7.12	10.89	7.75	7.30	6.05	3.83	5.91	2.14	8.99	10.86	80.38
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	102.49	76.48	116.95	83.19	78.44	65.03	41.13	63.50	22.99	96.57	116.62	863.38
Orangeville Hydro Limited	18.14	13.54	20.70	14.72	13.88	11.51	7.28	11.24	4.07	17.09	20.64	152.79
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	20.82	15.54	23.76	16.90	15.94	13.21	8.36	12.90	4.67	19.62	23.69	175.41
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	84.99	63.42	96.98	68.99	65.05	53.92	34.10	52.66	19.07	80.08	96.71	715.97
Ottawa River Power Corporation	16.87	12.59	19.26	13.70	12.92	10.71	6.77	10.46	3.79	15.90	19.20	142.15
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	56.29	42.01	64.23	45.69	43.08	35.72	22.59	34.88	12.63	53.04	64.05	474.21
Powerstream Inc.	545.52	407.11	622.49	442.83	417.53	346.12	218.91	338.01	122.39	514.02	620.77	4595.69
PUC Distribution Inc.	52.40	39.10	59.79	42.53	40.10	33.24	21.03	32.46	11.75	49.37	59.62	441.40
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	6.65	4.96	7.59	5.40	5.09	4.22	2.67	4.12	1.49	6.27	7.57	56.05
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	9.22	6.88	10.52	7.48	7.06	5.85	3.70	5.71	2.07	8.69	10.49	77.66
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	25.87	19.30	29.52	21.00	19.80	16.41	10.38	16.03	5.80	24.37	29.44	217.92
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	4.35	3.25	4.97	3.53	3.33	2.76	1.75	2.70	0.98	4.10	4.95	36.67



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Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	79.01	58.97	90.16	64.14	60.48	50.13	31.71	48.96	17.73	74.45	89.91	665.64
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	10.79	8.05	12.31	8.76	8.26	6.85	4.33	6.69	2.42	10.17	12.28	90.90
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	1152.40	860.01	1315.00	935.47	882.02	731.18	462.43	714.03	258.54	1085.85	1311.35	9708.28
Veridian Connections Inc.	183.05	136.61	208.88	148.59	140.10	116.14	73.46	113.42	41.07	172.48	208.30	1542.11
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	20.11	15.00	22.94	16.32	15.39	12.76	8.07	12.46	4.51	18.94	22.88	169.38
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	85.07	63.49	97.08	69.06	65.11	53.98	34.14	52.71	19.09	80.16	96.81	716.70
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	35.06	26.16	40.01	28.46	26.83	22.24	14.07	21.72	7.87	33.03	39.89	295.35
Wellington North Power Inc.	5.81	4.33	6.63	4.71	4.45	3.69	2.33	3.60	1.30	5.47	6.61	48.93
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	5.93	4.43	6.77	4.82	4.54	3.76	2.38	3.68	1.33	5.59	6.75	49.98
Westario Power Inc.	35.73	26.67	40.78	29.01	27.35	22.67	14.34	22.14	8.02	33.67	40.66	301.04
Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation	64.82	48.37	73.97	52.62	49.61	41.13	26.01	40.16	14.54	61.08	73.76	546.07
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	24.46	18.25	27.91	19.85	18.72	15.52	9.81	15.15	5.49	23.04	27.83	206.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,782.88</b>	<b>\$ 5,808.20</b>	<b>\$ 8,881.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,317.83</b>	<b>\$ 5,956.80</b>	<b>\$ 4,938.10</b>	<b>\$ 3,123.11</b>	<b>\$ 4,822.28</b>	<b>\$ 1,746.05</b>	<b>\$ 7,333.42</b>	<b>\$ 8,856.38</b>	<b>\$ 65,566.05</b>