



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

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**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST  
AWARDS**

**EB-2012-0410**

**A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers**

**BEFORE:** Cathy Spoel  
Presiding Member

Christine Long  
Vice Chair and Member

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**March 20, 2017**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On April 2, 2015, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) regarding its Board Policy: *A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers*. In its letter, the OEB noted that some implementation details needed to be addressed prior to putting the policy into effect, and a Rate Design Working Group (RDWG) was formed for this purpose.

In accordance with the OEB's May 29, 2014 Decision on Cost Eligibility and the April 2, 2015 letter, the Consumers Council of Canada (CCC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) (collectively, eligible parties) were deemed eligible for an award of costs in relation to participation at the meetings of the RDWG. Cost awards for the meetings of the RDWG were not captured by the prior Cost Awards decision issued by the OEB on June 23, 2015 with respect to this initiative. Cost awards will be recovered from rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors.

In accordance with the April 2, 2015 letter, cost awards were available for the preparation, attendance and reporting on the working group meetings which were held with staff on April 29, 2015 and May 27, 2015. A maximum of 7 hours was available for each meeting.

On February 27, 2017, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in relation to the consultation activities on April 29, 2015 and May 27, 2015.

The OEB received cost claims from CCC and VECC. No objection was received.

## OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed by CCC and VECC to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB has determined that the cost claims submitted by CCC and VECC are in accordance with the OEB's Notice dated February 27, 2017. The OEB finds that each of these Eligible Participants is entitled to 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding.

The Board finds that the claims of CCC and VECC are reasonable. The OEB approves cost awards for the eligible participants as follows:

- Consumers Council of Canada \$2,610.30
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2,315.26

### **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 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 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 March 20, 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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<b>Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator</b>	<b>CCC</b>	<b>VECC</b>	<b>Total</b>
Algoma Power Inc.	\$6.14	\$5.45	\$11.59
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$491.18	\$435.67	\$926.85
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$0.88	\$0.78	\$1.66
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$0.24	\$0.22	\$0.46
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$18.98	\$16.84	\$35.82
Brantford Power Inc.	\$20.33	\$18.03	\$38.36
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$34.90	\$30.96	\$65.86
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$15.07	\$13.37	\$28.45
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$3.53	\$3.13	\$6.67
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$0.66	\$0.59	\$1.25
Collus PowerStream Corp.	\$8.51	\$7.55	\$16.06
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$1.04	\$0.92	\$1.96
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$6.20	\$5.50	\$11.70
Energy + Inc.	\$32.80	\$29.09	\$61.89
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$21.30	\$18.90	\$40.20
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$45.43	\$40.30	\$85.73
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation	\$9.64	\$8.55	\$18.20
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	\$1.74	\$1.55	\$3.29
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$14.98	\$13.29	\$28.27
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$10.66	\$9.45	\$20.11
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$0.15	\$0.13	\$0.28
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$1.98	\$1.75	\$3.73
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$24.82	\$22.02	\$46.84
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$5.65	\$5.01	\$10.66
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	\$27.59	\$24.47	\$52.05
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$11.24	\$9.97	\$21.22
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$2.92	\$2.59	\$5.51
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$1.46	\$1.29	\$2.75
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$0.64	\$0.57	\$1.21
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$673.41	\$597.30	\$1,270.71
Hydro One Remote Communities Incorporated	\$1.87	\$1.66	\$3.52
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$166.00	\$147.24	\$313.23
Innpower Corporation	\$8.12	\$7.21	\$15.33
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$0.19	\$0.17	\$0.35
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	\$2.94	\$2.60	\$5.54

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<b>Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator</b>	<b>CCC</b>	<b>VECC</b>	<b>Total</b>
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$14.29	\$12.67	\$26.96
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	\$47.52	\$42.15	\$89.67
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$5.21	\$4.62	\$9.83
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$6.98	\$6.19	\$13.16
London Hydro Inc.	\$79.71	\$70.70	\$150.41
Midland Power Utility Corporation	\$3.70	\$3.28	\$6.98
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$17.85	\$15.84	\$33.69
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$18.18	\$16.13	\$34.31
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$27.09	\$24.03	\$51.12
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$4.48	\$3.98	\$8.46
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$12.65	\$11.22	\$23.87
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$3.20	\$2.84	\$6.04
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$34.37	\$30.49	\$64.86
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$6.08	\$5.40	\$11.48
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	\$6.98	\$6.19	\$13.18
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$28.50	\$25.28	\$53.79
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$5.66	\$5.02	\$10.68
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	\$18.88	\$16.75	\$35.62
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$17.57	\$15.59	\$33.16
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$2.23	\$1.98	\$4.21
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$3.09	\$2.74	\$5.83
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	\$8.68	\$7.70	\$16.37
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$1.46	\$1.29	\$2.76
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$26.50	\$23.51	\$50.01
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$3.62	\$3.21	\$6.83
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$386.50	\$342.82	\$729.32
Veridian Connections Inc.	\$61.39	\$54.45	\$115.85
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$6.74	\$5.98	\$12.72
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	\$28.53	\$25.31	\$53.84
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$11.76	\$10.43	\$22.19
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$1.95	\$1.73	\$3.68
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	\$1.99	\$1.76	\$3.75
Westario Power Inc.	\$11.98	\$10.63	\$22.61
Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation	\$21.74	\$19.28	\$41.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,610.30</b>	<b>\$ 2,315.26</b>	<b>\$ 4,925.56</b>