



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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2014-0255

**Consultation on the Development of Corporate Governance
Guidance for OEB Rate-Regulated Utilities**

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Christine Long
Vice Chair and Member

March 20, 2017

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

In a letter dated June 22, 2016, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) initiated a consultation to develop guidance on corporate governance for OEB rate-regulated utilities (i.e., Ontario Power Generation, electricity distributors and transmitters as well as natural gas utilities).

In its [June 22, 2016 letter](#), the OEB indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, (Act) in relation to their participation in the eligible activities as set out in Appendix A of the letter. In that letter, the OEB stated that cost awards will be recovered from all rate regulated utilities based on their respective distribution revenues. Those contributions are now collected based on customer numbers.

On February 9, 2017, the OEB issued its [Decision on Cost Eligibility and Notice of Hearing For Cost Awards](#) in relation to the consultation activities from September 18-28, 2016. The following participants are eligible for cost awards (collectively, eligible parties):

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

The OEB received cost claims from SEC and VECC. By email, AMPCO, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO and LPMA stated that they will not submit a cost claim. On February 28, 2017, Union Gas Limited filed a letter stating that it had no objection to the cost claims.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed by SEC 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 SEC and VECC are in accordance with the OEB's Notice dated February 9, 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 SEC and VECC are reasonable. The OEB approves cost awards for the eligible participants as follows:

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| • School Energy Coalition | \$5,593.50 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$2,949.82 |

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each rate-regulated utility 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 utility 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 rate-regulated utilities 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 rate-regulated utility one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by the rate-regulated utility 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 utility 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 rate-regulated utility 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 rate-regulated utility, 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****EB-2014-0255**

Gas Distributor, Transmitter, Storage Company	SEC	VECC	Total
Enbridge Gas Distribution	\$811.56	\$427.99	\$1,239.54
Union Gas	\$544.94	\$287.38	\$832.32
Natural Resource Gas	\$3.13	\$1.65	\$4.78

Total Gas	\$1,359.62	\$717.02	\$2,076.64
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Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator	SEC	VECC	Total
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$1.04	\$0.55	\$1.59
Five Nations Energy Inc.	\$1.43	\$0.75	\$2.18
Great Lakes Power Ltd.	\$8.38	\$4.42	\$12.80
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$329.02	\$173.51	\$502.53

Total ET	\$339.86	\$179.23	\$519.10
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Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	SEC	VECC	Total
Algoma Power Inc.	\$8.04	\$4.24	\$12.28
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$643.15	\$339.17	\$982.32
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$1.15	\$0.61	\$1.75
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$0.32	\$0.17	\$0.49
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$24.85	\$13.11	\$37.96
Brantford Power Inc.	\$26.62	\$14.04	\$40.66
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$45.70	\$24.10	\$69.80
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$19.74	\$10.41	\$30.15
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$4.63	\$2.44	\$7.07
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$0.87	\$0.46	\$1.32
Collus PowerStream Corp.	\$11.15	\$5.88	\$17.03
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$1.36	\$0.72	\$2.08
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$8.12	\$4.28	\$12.40
Energy + Inc.	\$42.95	\$22.65	\$65.60
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$27.89	\$14.71	\$42.60
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$59.49	\$31.37	\$90.86
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation	\$12.63	\$6.66	\$19.29
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	\$2.28	\$1.20	\$3.48
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$19.61	\$10.34	\$29.96
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$13.96	\$7.36	\$21.32
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$0.19	\$0.10	\$0.29
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$2.59	\$1.36	\$3.95
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$32.50	\$17.14	\$49.65
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$7.40	\$3.90	\$11.30
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	\$36.12	\$19.05	\$55.17
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$14.72	\$7.76	\$22.49
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$3.82	\$2.02	\$5.84
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$1.91	\$1.01	\$2.92
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$0.84	\$0.44	\$1.29
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$881.76	\$465.01	\$1,346.76
Hydro One Remote Communities Incorporated	\$2.44	\$1.29	\$3.73
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$217.36	\$114.63	\$331.98
Innpower Corporation	\$10.64	\$5.61	\$16.25
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$0.24	\$0.13	\$0.37
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	\$3.84	\$2.03	\$5.87
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$18.71	\$9.87	\$28.57
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	\$62.22	\$32.81	\$95.04
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$6.82	\$3.60	\$10.42

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	SEC	VECC	Total
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$9.13	\$4.82	\$13.95
London Hydro Inc.	\$104.37	\$55.04	\$159.42
Midland Power Utility Corporation	\$4.84	\$2.55	\$7.39
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$23.38	\$12.33	\$35.71
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$23.81	\$12.56	\$36.36
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$35.47	\$18.71	\$54.18
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$5.87	\$3.10	\$8.97
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$16.56	\$8.73	\$25.30
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$4.19	\$2.21	\$6.40
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$45.01	\$23.74	\$68.74
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$7.96	\$4.20	\$12.17
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	\$9.14	\$4.82	\$13.97
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$37.32	\$19.68	\$57.01
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$7.41	\$3.91	\$11.32
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	\$24.72	\$13.04	\$37.76
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$23.01	\$12.13	\$35.14
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$2.92	\$1.54	\$4.46
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$4.05	\$2.14	\$6.18
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	\$11.36	\$5.99	\$17.35
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$1.91	\$1.01	\$2.92
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$34.70	\$18.30	\$53.00
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$4.74	\$2.50	\$7.24
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$506.08	\$266.89	\$772.97
Veridian Connections Inc.	\$80.39	\$42.39	\$122.78
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$8.83	\$4.66	\$13.49
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	\$37.36	\$19.70	\$57.06
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$15.40	\$8.12	\$23.52
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$2.55	\$1.35	\$3.90
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	\$2.61	\$1.37	\$3.98
Westario Power Inc.	\$15.69	\$8.28	\$23.97
Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation	\$28.47	\$15.01	\$43.48
Total ED	\$3,417.89	\$1,802.48	\$5,220.36

IESO/OPG	SEC	VECC	Total
IESO	\$251.20	\$132.47	\$383.67
OPG	\$224.93	\$118.62	\$343.55

Total IESO/OPG	\$476.12	\$251.09	\$727.22
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Total	\$5,593.50	\$2,949.82	\$8,543.32
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