



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

DECISION AND ORDER ON BOARD COSTS

EB-2016-0201

Regulated Price Plan Roadmap

BEFORE: **Cathy Spoel**
Presiding Member

Christine Long
Vice Chair and Member

March 31, 2017

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On November 16, 2015, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) released its *Regulated Price Plan Roadmap*. The Roadmap sets out a five-point plan to be implemented over the course of the next 3 to 5 years. This multi-year process will undertake a comprehensive revamping of the Regulated Price Plan (RPP) that will make incremental changes over the course of the plan to provide consumers with an adequate amount of time to adjust to the changes. Through this plan, the OEB will redesign the RPP to better respond to policy objectives, improve system efficiency, and give greater consumer control. The goal of this review is to ensure that the RPP is able to meet the challenges of the future. The Report is available on the [OEB's website](#).

On July 18, 2016 the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) released its *Regulated Price Plan Roadmap: Guideline for Pilot Projects on RPP Pricing*. The Guidelines are the next step in a five-point plan outlined in the Roadmap document that establishes what the OEB's objectives are for RPP pilots, identifies priority treatments for price and non-price pilots, and lays out a framework for electricity distributors to design, implement, and evaluate these pilots. Five applications for proposed pilot projects, with involvement from 11 distributors, are currently before the OEB for consideration.

The OEB has determined that the costs of this initiative will be recovered under section 30 of the Act from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors. The costs are to be apportioned amongst all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors in the same manner as under the OEB's Cost Assessment Model.

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 count. Schedule A has been prepared accordingly.

As of February 28, 2017, the OEB's costs associated with this initiative amount to \$181,298.97. These costs are associated with the studies the OEB commissioned that looked to determine what the RPP's pilot objectives should be and laying out a framework for LDCs to design, implement, and evaluate pilots. The studies and results of the research are posted on the [OEB's website](#).

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

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 all licensed electricity distributors at the same time as invoices for cost assessments are made under section 26 of the Act. The practice of the OEB is to issue to each licensed electricity distributor one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by that distributor for the relevant period. As a result, the invoice may cover cost awards payable in relation to a number of initiatives, including this one.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. The Entities listed in Schedule “A” (attached hereto) shall pay the OEB’s costs of, and incidental to, this initiative.
2. Payment of the OEB’s costs referred to in paragraph 1 shall be made to the OEB in accordance with the invoice issued to each licensed electricity distributor, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

DATED at Toronto March 31, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Schedule A

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| Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator | OEB's costs up to Feb 28,2017 |
|---|--|
| Algoma Power Inc. | \$426.51 |
| Alectra Utilities Corporation | \$34,115.29 |
| Atikokan Hydro Inc. | \$60.93 |
| Attawapiskat Power Corp. | \$16.88 |
| Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation | \$1,318.32 |
| Brantford Power Inc. | \$1,412.08 |
| Burlington Hydro Inc. | \$2,424.24 |
| Canadian Niagara Power Inc. | \$1,047.03 |
| Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. | \$245.37 |
| Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation | \$45.90 |
| Collus PowerStream Corp. | \$591.28 |
| Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. | \$72.11 |
| E.L.K. Energy Inc. | \$430.64 |
| Energy + Inc. | \$2,278.19 |
| Entegrus Powerlines Inc. | \$1,479.61 |
| Enwin Utilities Ltd. | \$3,155.41 |
| Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation | \$669.82 |
| Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation | \$120.99 |
| Essex Powerlines Corporation | \$1,040.44 |
| Festival Hydro Inc. | \$740.37 |
| Fort Albany Power Corporation | \$10.21 |
| Fort Frances Power Corporation | \$137.19 |
| Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. | \$1,724.18 |
| Grimsby Power Incorporated | \$392.39 |

| Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator | OEB's costs up to Feb 28,2017 |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. | \$1,915.96 |
| Halton Hills Hydro Inc. | \$780.92 |
| Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. | \$202.73 |
| Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited | \$101.30 |
| Hydro 2000 Inc. | \$44.67 |
| Hydro One Networks Inc. | \$46,772.04 |
| Hydro One Remote Communities Incorporated | \$129.60 |
| Hydro Ottawa Limited | \$11,529.44 |
| Innpower Corporation | \$564.30 |
| Kashechewan Power Corporation | \$12.92 |
| Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. | \$203.92 |
| Kingston Hydro Corporation | \$992.30 |
| Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. | \$3,300.61 |
| Lakefront Utilities Inc. | \$361.78 |
| Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. | \$484.45 |
| London Hydro Inc. | \$5,536.36 |
| Midland Power Utility Corporation | \$256.82 |
| Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. | \$1,240.03 |
| Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd. | \$1,262.90 |
| Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. | \$1,881.56 |
| Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc. | \$311.49 |
| North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited | \$878.58 |
| Northern Ontario Wires Inc. | \$222.27 |
| Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. | \$2,387.38 |
| Orangeville Hydro Limited | \$422.49 |
| Orillia Power Distribution Corporation | \$485.04 |
| Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. | \$1,979.75 |
| Ottawa River Power Corporation | \$393.08 |

| Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator | OEB's costs up to Feb 28,2017 |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Peterborough Distribution Incorporated | \$1,311.26 |
| PUC Distribution Inc. | \$1,220.53 |
| Renfrew Hydro Inc. | \$154.97 |
| Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. | \$214.75 |
| St. Thomas Energy Inc. | \$602.58 |
| Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. | \$101.41 |
| Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. | \$1,840.60 |
| Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. | \$251.35 |
| Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited | \$26,844.69 |
| Veridian Connections Inc. | \$4,264.13 |
| Wasaga Distribution Inc. | \$468.35 |
| Waterloo North Hydro Inc. | \$1,981.77 |
| Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. | \$816.68 |
| Wellington North Power Inc. | \$135.29 |
| West Coast Huron Energy Inc. | \$138.19 |
| Westario Power Inc. | \$832.40 |
| Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation | \$1,509.94 |
| Total | \$ 181,298.97 |