

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

## DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2011-0043

**Regional Planning Process Advisory Group** 

**BEFORE: Cathy Spoel** 

**Presiding Member** 

**Christine Long** 

Vice Chair and Member

**September 22, 2017** 

#### INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) established a Regional Planning Process Advisory Group (RPPAG) (formerly the Regional Planning Standing Committee) to provide the OEB with on-going assistance related to the review and maintenance of the regional infrastructure planning process.

In its <u>August 18, 2014 letter</u>, 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 RPPAG activities.

As identified in the OEB's January 22, 2015 <u>Decision on Cost Eligibility</u>, the following participants are eligible for cost awards (collectively, eligible parties):

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- lain Angus
- Ray Quinn

The OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards dated August 30, 2017 and determined that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the Act in relation to the following RPPAG activities:

- May 10, 2017 (10:00AM 3:00PM)
- June 14, 2017 (10:00AM 3:00PM)

The OEB received cost claims from Mr. Angus and Mr. Quinn. No objections were received. APPrO did not submit a cost claim.

#### **OEB Findings**

The OEB has reviewed all cost claims to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The claim of Mr. Angus requires a reduction of \$12.63 for two charges in excess of the meal allowances as set in the government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive.* 

The OEB has determined that the cost claims submitted by Mr. Angus and Mr. Quinn are in accordance with the OEB's Notice dated August 30, 2017. The OEB finds that both of those Eligible Participants are entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this advisory group.

The OEB finds that the claim of Mr. Quinn and the adjusted claim of Mr. Angus are reasonable. The OEB approves cost awards for the eligible participants as follows:

• Mr. Iain Angus \$627.80

• Mr. Ray Quinn \$625.67

#### **Process for Paying the Cost Awards**

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

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 initiative. Invoices will be issued to distributors and transmitters at the same time as the invoices for cost assessments are issued under section 26 of the Act. The practice of the OEB is to issue to each licensed distributor and each licensed transmitter one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by the licensee 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 licensed electricity distributor and transmitter 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 Party.
- 2. Each distributor and transmitter listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall pay the OEB's costs of and incidental to, this advisory group.
- 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 transmitter, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

**DATED** at Toronto September 22, 2017

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

# Schedule A OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards

### EB-2011-0043

Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator	1	ain Angus	i	Ray Quinn	Total
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$	0.74	\$	0.74	\$ 1.48
Five Nations Energy Inc.	\$	1.03	\$	1.03	\$ 2.07
Great Lakes Power Ltd.	\$	6.30	\$	6.27	\$ 12.57
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$	243.05	\$	242.22	\$ 485.27
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Electricity Transmission Total	\$	251.12	\$	250.27	\$ 501.39

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	lain Angus	Ray Quinn	Total
Algoma Power Inc.	\$0.88	\$0.88	\$1.75
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$71.16	\$70.91	\$142.07
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$0.13	\$0.12	\$0.25
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.07
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$2.72	\$2.71	\$5.43
Brantford Power Inc.	\$2.92	\$2.91	\$5.84
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$5.01	\$5.00	\$10.01
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$2.16	\$2.15	\$4.31
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$0.51	\$0.51	\$1.01
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.19
Collus PowerStream Corp.	\$1.24	\$1.23	\$2.47
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.30
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$0.89	\$0.89	\$1.78
Energy + Inc.	\$4.72	\$4.70	\$9.42
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$3.05	\$3.04	\$6.09
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$6.53	\$6.50	\$13.03
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation	\$1.38	\$1.37	\$2.75
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.50

Electricity Distribution System	lain Angus	Ray Quinn	Total
Owner/Operator			
Corporation			
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$2.16	\$2.15	\$4.31
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$1.53	\$1.53	\$3.06
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.04
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.56
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$3.55	\$3.54	\$7.10
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$0.82	\$0.82	\$1.64
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	\$3.99	\$3.98	\$7.97
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$1.63	\$1.63	\$3.26
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$0.41	\$0.41	\$0.83
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.41
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.18
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$96.58	\$96.25	\$192.83
Hydro One Remote Communities	, , , , ,	, , , ,	, , ,
Incorporated	\$0.27	\$0.27	\$0.53
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$24.06	\$23.98	\$48.04
Innpower Corporation	\$1.19	\$1.18	\$2.37
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.05
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	\$0.42	\$0.42	\$0.84
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$2.06	\$2.05	\$4.11
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	\$6.87	\$6.85	\$13.71
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$1.50
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$2.00
London Hydro Inc.	\$11.48	\$11.45	\$22.93
Midland Power Utility Corporation	\$0.53	\$0.53	\$1.06
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$2.64	\$2.63	\$5.27
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$2.63	\$2.62	\$5.25
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$3.91	\$3.90	\$7.81
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$0.66	\$0.66	\$1.32
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$1.81	\$1.80	\$3.61
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$0.46	\$0.46	\$0.91
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$4.99	\$4.97	\$9.96
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$0.88	\$0.88	\$1.76
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$2.01

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	lain Angus	Ray Quinn	Total	
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$4.13	\$4.12	\$8.25	
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$0.81	\$0.81	\$1.63	
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	\$2.72	\$2.71	\$5.43	
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$2.52	\$2.51	\$5.03	
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$0.32	\$0.32	\$0.64	
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$0.44	\$0.44	\$0.88	
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$2.50	
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.42	
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$3.80	\$3.79	\$7.58	
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$1.05	
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$56.17	\$55.98	\$112.15	
Veridian Connections Inc.	\$8.84	\$8.81	\$17.66	
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$0.98	\$0.98	\$1.95	
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	\$4.12	\$4.11	\$8.23	
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$1.69	\$1.69	\$3.38	
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.56	
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	\$0.29	\$0.28	\$0.57	
Westario Power Inc.	\$1.72	\$1.71	\$3.43	
Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation	\$3.13	\$3.12	\$6.24	
Electricity Distribution Total	\$ 376.68	\$ 375.40	\$ 752.08	
Total	\$ 627.80	\$ 625.67	\$ 1,253.47	