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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

## **EB-2023-0071**

### **Delivery Rates for Electric Vehicle Charging**

**By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson**

Vice President

Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

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**March 18, 2024**

## OVERVIEW

On April 13, 2023, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) released its consultant report<sup>1</sup> on electricity delivery rates for commercial electrical vehicle (EV) charging and alternative rate design options to support the efficient integration of EVs in Ontario. Interested participants were invited to a stakeholder meeting to discuss the details of the report and to gather feedback. The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, and that any costs would be paid for by all licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors. Cost-eligible participants were allowed to claim the following activities:

- Attendance and participation in the May 24, 2023 stakeholder meeting – Up to a maximum of 3 hours
- Preparation for May 24, 2023 stakeholder meeting – Up to a maximum of 1.5 hours
- Written comments on the consultant's report due on June 7, 2023 – Up to a maximum of 6 hours

On May 5, 2023, the OEB's Decision on Cost Eligibility approved the following organizations for cost eligibility:

- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers & Business (CCMB)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Environmental Defence (ED)
- Pollution Probe (PP)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On January 18, 2024, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in which it set out the process for cost claims. The OEB received cost claims from CCC, CCMB, ED, PP and VECC. BOMA indicated that it was not filing a cost claim. No objections were received from licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors.

## Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The OEB finds that the claims are reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards.

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<sup>1</sup> *Electricity Delivery Rates for Electric Vehicle Charging*, April 13, 2023

The OEB approves cost awards for the Eligible Participants as follows:

• CCMB	\$3,915.45
• CCC	\$1,864.50
• ED	\$2,654.37
• PP	\$2,703.53
• VECC	\$3,601.52

The OEB also approves an amount of \$274,500.00 for recovery of the OEB's costs of and incidental to this consultation.

The approved costs will be apportioned amongst all licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors in the same manner as under the OEB's Cost Assessment Model, i.e., in proportion to customer numbers.

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

The amount payable by each 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 rate-regulated distributors to the eligible participants.

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* to implement the payment of the approved cost awards whereby the OEB will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards. Consistent with this process, each distributor is issued one invoice that covers all cost awards payable for the relevant period. As a result, the invoice may cover cost awards payable in relation to a number of proceedings and consultations, including this proceeding. The invoice will be sent out at the same time as the invoices for cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are sent out, and payment will be due at the same time that cost assessments are due.

The OEB makes payment to each eligible participant once 80% of the costs have been recovered by the OEB.

### **THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Each licensed rate-regulated electricity distributor in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall make a payment to the OEB in accordance with the amounts set out in Schedule A, upon receiving an invoice from the OEB.

**DATED** at Toronto March 18, 2024

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Brian Hewson  
Vice President  
Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Schedule A  
OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards  
EB-2023-0071

Electricity Distributor	Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers & Business of Canada	Consumer Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Pollution Probe	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Costs	Total Costs
Algoma Power Inc.	\$8.91	\$4.24	\$6.04	\$6.15	\$8.20	\$33.54	\$624.82	\$658.36
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$779.71	\$371.29	\$528.58	\$538.37	\$717.19	\$2,935.14	\$54,662.77	\$57,597.91
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$1.18	\$0.56	\$0.80	\$0.81	\$1.09	\$4.44	\$82.73	\$87.17
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$0.38	\$0.18	\$0.26	\$0.26	\$0.35	\$1.43	\$26.62	\$28.05
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$26.98	\$12.85	\$18.29	\$18.63	\$24.82	\$101.57	\$1,891.59	\$1,993.16
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$50.11	\$23.86	\$33.97	\$34.60	\$46.09	\$188.63	\$3,512.84	\$3,701.47
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$21.90	\$10.43	\$14.84	\$15.12	\$20.14	\$82.43	\$1,535.15	\$1,617.58
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$5.38	\$2.56	\$3.65	\$3.72	\$4.95	\$20.26	\$377.39	\$397.65
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$0.89	\$0.42	\$0.60	\$0.62	\$0.82	\$3.35	\$62.55	\$65.90
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	\$13.47	\$6.42	\$9.13	\$9.30	\$12.39	\$50.71	\$944.62	\$995.33
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$1.78	\$0.85	\$1.21	\$1.23	\$1.64	\$6.71	\$124.94	\$131.65
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$8.91	\$4.24	\$6.04	\$6.15	\$8.20	\$33.54	\$624.67	\$658.21
Ellexicon Energy Inc.	\$125.06	\$59.55	\$84.78	\$86.35	\$115.03	\$470.77	\$8,767.24	\$9,238.01

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Enova Power Corp.	\$115.75	\$ 55.12	\$78.47	\$79.92	\$106.47	\$435.73	\$8,114.92	\$8,550.65
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$44.83	\$21.35	\$30.39	\$30.96	\$41.24	\$168.77	\$3,143.12	\$3,311.89
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$66.01	\$31.43	\$44.75	\$45.58	\$60.72	\$248.49	\$4,627.58	\$4,876.07
ERTH Power Corporation	\$17.48	\$8.32	\$11.85	\$12.07	\$16.08	\$65.80	\$1,225.22	\$1,291.02
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$22.53	\$10.73	\$15.27	\$15.55	\$20.72	\$84.80	\$1,579.25	\$1,664.05
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$15.97	\$7.60	\$10.83	\$11.03	\$14.69	\$60.12	\$1,119.54	\$1,179.66
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$2.73	\$1.30	\$1.85	\$1.88	\$2.51	\$10.27	\$191.07	\$201.34
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	\$79.16	\$37.70	\$53.66	\$54.66	\$72.81	\$297.99	\$5,549.72	\$5,847.71
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$34.89	\$16.61	\$23.65	\$24.09	\$32.09	\$131.33	\$2,445.99	\$2,577.32
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$8.65	\$4.12	\$5.87	\$5.97	\$7.96	\$32.57	\$606.53	\$639.10
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$16.57	\$7.89	\$11.24	\$11.44	\$15.25	\$62.39	\$1,161.95	\$1,224.34
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$4.06	\$1.94	\$2.76	\$2.81	\$3.74	\$15.31	\$284.94	\$300.25
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$1.98	\$0.94	\$1.34	\$1.37	\$1.82	\$7.45	\$138.74	\$146.19
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$0.92	\$0.44	\$0.62	\$0.64	\$0.85	\$3.47	\$64.54	\$68.01
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$1,049.61	\$499.82	\$711.57	\$724.75	\$965.43	\$3,951.18	\$73,585.36	\$77,536.54
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	\$3.18	\$1.51	\$2.15	\$2.19	\$2.92	\$11.95	\$222.80	\$234.75

Electricity Distributor	Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers & Business of Canada	Consumer Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Pollution Probe	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Costs	Total Costs
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$257.54	\$122.64	\$174.59	\$177.82	\$236.89	\$969.48	\$18,055.05	\$19,024.53
Innpower Corporation	\$14.36	\$6.84	\$9.74	\$9.92	\$13.21	\$54.07	\$1,006.86	\$1,060.93
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$20.41	\$9.72	\$13.83	\$14.09	\$18.77	\$76.82	\$1,430.54	\$1,507.36
Lakefront UtilitiesInc.	\$7.84	\$3.73	\$5.32	\$5.41	\$7.21	\$29.51	\$549.65	\$579.16
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$10.34	\$4.92	\$7.01	\$7.14	\$9.51	\$38.92	\$724.62	\$763.54
London Hydro Inc.	\$119.64	\$56.97	\$81.11	\$82.61	\$110.05	\$450.38	\$8,387.75	\$8,838.13
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$30.67	\$14.61	\$20.79	\$21.18	\$28.21	\$115.46	\$2,150.47	\$2,265.93
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$32.45	\$15.45	\$22.00	\$22.41	\$29.85	\$122.16	\$2,275.00	\$2,397.16
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$42.11	\$20.05	\$28.54	\$29.07	\$38.73	\$158.50	\$2,951.90	\$3,110.40
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$7.09	\$3.38	\$4.81	\$4.90	\$6.52	\$26.70	\$497.27	\$523.97
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$20.14	\$9.59	\$13.65	\$13.91	\$18.52	\$75.81	\$1,411.84	\$1,487.65
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$4.33	\$2.06	\$2.93	\$2.99	\$3.98	\$16.29	\$303.24	\$319.53
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$54.75	\$26.07	\$37.11	\$37.80	\$50.36	\$206.09	\$3,838.21	\$4,044.30
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$9.31	\$4.43	\$6.31	\$6.43	\$8.57	\$35.05	\$652.83	\$687.88
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$43.76	\$20.84	\$29.66	\$30.21	\$40.25	\$164.72	\$3,067.69	\$3,232.41
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$8.42	\$4.01	\$5.71	\$5.81	\$7.74	\$31.69	\$590.18	\$621.87

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PUC Distribution Inc.	\$24.68	\$11.75	\$16.73	\$17.04	\$22.71	\$92.91	\$1,730.56	\$1,823.47
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$3.18	\$1.51	\$2.16	\$2.20	\$2.93	\$11.98	\$223.01	\$234.99
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$4.34	\$2.07	\$2.94	\$3.00	\$3.99	\$16.34	\$304.26	\$320.60
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$2.12	\$1.01	\$1.44	\$1.46	\$1.95	\$7.98	\$148.40	\$156.38
Synergy North Corporation	\$41.51	\$19.77	\$28.14	\$28.66	\$38.18	\$156.26	\$2,909.99	\$3,066.25
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$5.78	\$2.75	\$3.92	\$3.99	\$5.32	\$21.76	\$405.44	\$427.20
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$572.68	\$272.71	\$388.23	\$395.42	\$526.77	\$2,155.81	\$40,149.03	\$42,304.84
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$10.56	\$5.03	\$7.16	\$7.29	\$9.71	\$39.75	\$740.36	\$780.11
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$17.95	\$8.55	\$12.17	\$12.39	\$16.51	\$67.57	\$1,258.49	\$1,326.06
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$2.87	\$1.37	\$1.95	\$1.98	\$2.64	\$10.81	\$201.44	\$212.25
Westario Power Inc.	\$17.64	\$8.40	\$11.96	\$12.18	\$16.23	\$66.41	\$1,236.72	\$1,303.13

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator Total	\$3,915.45	\$1,864.50	\$2,654.37	\$2,703.53	\$3,601.52	\$14,739.37	\$274,500.00	\$289,239.37
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Note: Total costs of \$39.90 were reallocated to the companies listed in Schedule A to eliminate charges below the \$25 materiality threshold adopted by the OEB in Sec.26 *Cost Assessment Model* and in section 12.02 of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.