



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

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## **DECISION AND ORDER ON BOARD COSTS**

**EB-2016-0032**

**Consultation on Protecting Privacy of Personal Information and the Reliable Operation of the Smart Grid in Ontario**

**By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance**

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**July 8, 2019**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On February 11, 2016, the OEB initiated a consultation to review the cyber security of the non-bulk electrical grid and associated business systems in Ontario that could impact grid reliability and the protection of personal information.

In December 2017, the OEB established cyber security reporting requirements for licensed electricity transmitters and distributors through amendments<sup>1</sup> to the OEB's Transmission System Code and Distribution System Code, and to the Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements.

Following the completion of the electricity-related amendments, the OEB established a Working Group for the rate-regulated natural gas utilities in January 2018. On April 25, 2019, the OEB gave notice<sup>2</sup> under Section 45 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (Act) adopting the Cyber Security Readiness Report and Amendments to the Natural Gas Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements (RRR) Rule for Gas Utilities. This concluded the consultation.

In a decision<sup>3</sup> issued on June 27, 2017, the OEB determined that the costs of Phase 1 of this consultation would be recovered under Section 30 of the Act from all licensed electricity transmitters, distributors and rate-regulated natural gas utilities. The OEB has determined that it is appropriate to recover the OEB's costs related to establishing the reporting requirements for licensed electricity transmitters and distributors and for rate-regulated natural gas distributors on the same basis. Therefore, the OEB's costs of \$26,982.75, incurred since May 2017, that are associated with the completion of this initiative are to be paid for by all licensed electricity transmitters and distributors and all rate-regulated natural gas utilities. The costs are to be apportioned based on customer numbers in the same manner as under the OEB's Cost Assessment Model. Schedule A, which sets out the amount payable by each licensed electricity transmitter, distributor, and rate-regulated natural gas utility, has been prepared accordingly.

### Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The OEB will use the process set out in Section 12 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* to implement the payment of the cost awards. Therefore, the OEB will act as a clearinghouse for all payments of cost awards relating to this consultation process.

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<sup>1</sup> [TSC and DSC Amendments](#).

<sup>2</sup> [Gas Reporting Letter](#).

<sup>3</sup> [Decision and Order](#).

Invoices will be issued to each licensed electricity transmitter and distributor and each rate-regulated natural gas utility at the same time as invoices for cost assessments are issued under Section 26 of the Act.

The practice of the OEB is to issue to each rate-regulated licensed electricity transmitter, distributor and natural gas utility 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 licensed electricity transmitter and distributor and each rate-regulated natural gas utility listed in Schedule “A” (attached hereto) shall pay the amounts set out in Schedule A; and
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 transmitter and distributor and each rate-regulated natural gas utility, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under Section 26 of the Act are due.

**DATED** at Toronto July 8, 2019

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

**Schedule A**  
**Decision and Order on Board Costs**  
**July 8, 2019**

<b>Gas Distributor, Transmitter, Storage Company</b>	<b>Remaining OEB costs (after May 30, 2017)</b>
Enbridge Gas Distribution <sup>4</sup>	\$ 8,605.22
EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership	\$ 20.80
<b>Total for Gas Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 8,626.02</b>

<b>Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator</b>	<b>Remaining OEB costs (after May 30, 2017)</b>
Algoma Power Inc.	\$ 42.03
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$ 3,681.88
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$ 5.90
Attawapiskat Power Corporation	\$ 1.78
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$ 130.66
Brantford Power Inc.	\$ 141.44
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$ 240.13
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$ 103.64
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$ 24.50
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$ 4.45
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$ 7.71
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$ 42.90
Ellexicon Energy	\$ 580.51
Energy+ Inc.	\$ 229.85
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$ 208.85
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$ 315.47
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	\$ 60.59
ERTH Power Corporation	\$ 80.85
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	\$ 11.80
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$ 105.31

<sup>4</sup> Inclusive of [Union Gas](#).

<b>Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator</b>	<b>Remaining OEB costs (after May 30, 2017)</b>
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$ 74.80
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$ 1.05
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$ 13.43
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$ 170.09
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$ 40.30
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$ 79.29
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$ 19.84
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$ 9.70
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$ 4.56
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$ 4,694.89
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	\$ 12.82
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$ 1,177.40
Innpower Corporation	\$ 59.65
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$ 1.43
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$ 98.87
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	\$ 337.83
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$ 36.74
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 48.17
London Hydro Inc.	\$ 558.58
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$ 132.37
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 153.15
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$ 193.09
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$ 33.06
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$ 86.41
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$ 21.62
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$ 247.42
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$ 43.34
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	\$ 48.89
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$ 203.91
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$ 39.50
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	\$ 131.96
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$ 120.25

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Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Remaining OEB costs (after May 30, 2017)
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$ 15.38
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$ 21.10
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$ 10.07
Synergy North Corporation	\$ 202.23
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$ 25.56
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$ 2,739.08
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$ 48.01
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	\$ 201.93
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$ 82.08
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$ 13.45
Westario Power Inc.	\$ 83.19
<b>Total for Electricity Utilities</b>	\$ 18,356.73

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<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>\$ 26,982.75</b>
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