

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2016-0201

Activities Pursuant to the Regulated Price Plan Roadmap

By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson

March 27, 2020

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) Regulated Price Plan Roadmap (Roadmap) calls for the revamping of the Regulated Price Plan (RPP) to better respond to policy objectives, improve system efficiency, and give greater consumer control. It also commits the OEB to look at the way in which all Class B customers are charged for electricity in Ontario.

On February 28, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a staff research paper entitled [Examination of Alternative Price Designs for the Recovery of Global Adjustment Costs from Class B Consumers in Ontario](#) (Staff Paper) that describes analytical research evaluating a variety of generic global adjustment pricing options on the basis of economic efficiency and consumer bill impact.

The [cover letter](#) for the Staff Paper made provision for the following cost eligible activities: preparation, attendance and reporting on the associated stakeholder meeting (to a maximum of 6 hours) and written comments on the Staff Paper (to a maximum of 12 hours).

In the February 28, 2019 letter, the OEB stated that cost awards will be available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *OEB Act, 1998* and that costs will be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors.

The OEB issued Decisions on March 21, 2019 and April 11, 2019, that determined the following participants in this consultation process were eligible for cost awards:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

The feedback received through this consultation will help inform the ongoing development of options to redesign the Regulated Price Plan (RPP) as well as options for non-RPP customers to respond to policy objectives, improve system efficiency, and give consumers greater control.

On February 26, 2020, the OEB issued a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (the Notice) in relation to cost eligible activities.

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, LPMA and SEC. BOMA, CME and QMA did not file a cost claim. No objections were received.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed by AMPCO, LPMA and SEC to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that the claims of AMPCO, LPMA and SEC are in accordance with the OEB's Notice dated February 26, 2020. The OEB finds that each of these eligible participants is entitled to 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB approves cost awards for the Eligible Participants as follows:

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| • Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario | \$3,915.45 |
| • London Property Management Association | \$3,654.42 |
| • School Energy Coalition | \$4,881.60 |

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each rate-regulated licensed electricity distributor in relation to costs awarded to each Eligible Participant is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order. Costs awarded will be apportioned within the distributor class based on customer numbers. However, the amounts will not be paid directly by the distributor to the Eligible 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 distributors 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 distributor 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 distributor 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 distributor 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 distributor, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

DATED at Toronto March 27, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Schedule A

OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards

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Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	London Property Management Association	School Energy Coalition	Total
Algoma Power Inc.	8.93	8.34	11.13	28.40
Alectra Utilities Corporation	785.94	733.55	979.88	2,499.37
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	1.25	1.17	1.56	3.98
Attawapiskat Power Corporation	0.38	0.36	0.48	1.22
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	27.79	25.94	34.65	88.38
Brantford Power Inc.	30.12	28.11	37.55	95.78
Burlington Hydro Inc.	51.06	47.66	63.66	162.38
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	22.05	20.58	27.49	70.12
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	5.22	4.87	6.51	16.60
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	0.95	0.88	1.18	3.01
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc	12.94	12.08	16.14	41.16
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	1.66	1.55	2.07	5.28
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	9.10	8.50	11.35	28.95
Ellexicon Energy	123.67	115.42	154.19	393.28
Energy+ Inc.	49.02	45.75	61.11	155.88
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	44.47	41.51	55.45	141.43
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	67.16	62.69	83.74	213.59
ERTH Power Corporation	17.24	16.10	21.50	54.84
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	2.50	2.34	3.12	7.96
Essex Powerlines Corporation	22.48	20.98	28.02	71.48
Festival Hydro Inc.	15.96	14.90	19.90	50.76
Fort Albany Power Corporation	0.22	0.21	0.28	0.71
Fort Frances Power Corporation	2.85	2.66	3.56	9.07
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	36.14	33.73	45.05	114.92
Grimsby Power Incorporated	8.59	8.02	10.71	27.32
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	16.90	15.78	21.08	53.76
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	4.22	3.93	5.26	13.41
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	2.06	1.92	2.56	6.54
Hydro 2000 Inc.	0.97	0.91	1.21	3.09
Hydro One Networks Inc.	1,001.50	934.66	1,248.60	3,184.76
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	2.73	2.55	3.40	8.68
Hydro Ottawa Limited	251.27	234.52	313.28	799.07
Innpower Corporation	12.82	11.96	15.98	40.76
Kashechewan Power Corporation	0.31	0.29	0.39	0.99
Kingston Hydro Corporation	21.01	19.61	26.20	66.82
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	72.22	67.40	90.04	229.66
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	7.84	7.31	9.77	24.92
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	10.25	9.57	12.78	32.60
London Hydro Inc.	119.09	111.15	148.47	378.71
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	28.40	26.51	35.41	90.32
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	32.63	30.46	40.68	103.77
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	41.32	38.57	51.52	131.41
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	7.09	6.62	8.84	22.55
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	18.36	17.14	22.89	58.39
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	4.58	4.28	5.71	14.57
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	52.95	49.42	66.01	168.38
Orangeville Hydro Limited	9.27	8.66	11.56	29.49
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	10.43	9.74	13.01	33.18
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	43.60	40.69	54.35	138.64
Ottawa River Power Corporation	8.42	7.86	10.49	26.77
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	28.15	26.28	35.10	89.53
PUC Distribution Inc.	25.54	23.84	31.84	81.22
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	3.27	3.05	4.08	10.40
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	4.48	4.18	5.59	14.25
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	2.14	2.00	2.67	6.81
Synergy North Corporation	42.98	40.11	53.58	136.67
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	5.46	5.09	6.80	17.35
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	584.05	545.11	728.17	1,857.33
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	10.26	9.57	12.79	32.62
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	43.12	40.25	53.76	137.13
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	17.49	16.32	21.80	55.61
Wellington North Power Inc.	2.86	2.67	3.56	9.09
Westario Power Inc.	17.72	16.54	22.09	56.35
Electricity Distribution Total	\$ 3,915.45	\$ 3,654.42	\$ 4,881.60	\$ 12,451.47