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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2019-0207

Distributed Energy Resources Connections Review

By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson

June 25, 2020

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On August 13, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) commencing an initiative to review its requirements in regard to the connection of distributed energy resources (DERs) by licensed electricity distributors (DER Connections Review). The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, and the OEB has determined that the licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors will pay the costs.

The OEB issued Decisions on September 10, 2019, September 13, 2019, September 23, 2019 and January 13, 2020 that determined the following participants in this consultation process were eligible for cost awards¹:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence (ED)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

The decisions noted that cost awards would be available in relation to comments to the staff letter and in relation to participation in the Working Group. The decisions also reminded parties that participants with similar viewpoints were asked to coordinate their activities in order to reduce costs as this effort is taken into account during the decision on award of costs.

The maximum number of cost eligible hours per participant to prepare for, attend and report on Working Group Meetings was limited to 1.5 times the meeting time.

On May 14, 2020, the OEB issued a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (the Notice) in relation to cost eligible activities.

¹ Decisions on Cost Eligibility are available on the OEB website at [Distributed Energy Resources \(DER\) Connections Review](#)

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, CME, Energy Probe, ED, LPMA, OCC and Pollution Probe. BOMA, CCC and SEC did not file a cost claim. No objections were received from any licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed by AMPCO, CME, Energy Probe, ED, LPMA, OCC and Pollution Probe to ensure they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that the claims of AMPCO, CME, Energy Probe, ED, LPMA, OCC and Pollution Probe are in accordance with the OEB's Notice dated May 14, 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 | \$1,864.50 |
| • Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters | \$17,170.35 |
| • Energy Probe Research Foundation | \$4,920.30 |
| • Environmental Defence | \$6,021.76 |
| • London Property Management Association | \$1,678.05 |
| • Ontario Chamber of Commerce | \$11,283.05 |
| • Pollution Probe | \$17,526.30 |

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 June 25, 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 | Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters | Energy Probe Research Foundation | Environmental Defence | London Property Management Association | Ontario Chamber of Commerce | Pollution Probe | Total |
|---|--|---|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Algoma Power Inc. | 4.25 | 39.11 | 11.21 | 13.72 | 3.82 | 25.70 | 39.92 | 137.73 |
| Alectra Utilities Corporation | 369.04 | 3,398.49 | 973.86 | 1,191.87 | 332.13 | 2,233.23 | 3,468.94 | 11,967.56 |
| Atikokan Hydro Inc. | 0.59 | 5.46 | 1.57 | 1.92 | 0.53 | 3.59 | 5.58 | 19.24 |
| Attawapiskat Power Corporation | 0.19 | 1.71 | 0.49 | 0.60 | 0.17 | 1.12 | 1.74 | 6.02 |
| Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation | 13.24 | 121.97 | 34.95 | 42.77 | 11.92 | 80.15 | 124.50 | 429.50 |
| Brantford Power Inc. | 14.37 | 132.31 | 37.92 | 46.40 | 12.93 | 86.95 | 135.06 | 465.94 |
| Burlington Hydro Inc. | 24.39 | 224.60 | 64.36 | 78.77 | 21.95 | 147.59 | 229.26 | 790.92 |
| Canadian Niagara Power Inc. | 10.52 | 96.91 | 27.77 | 33.99 | 9.47 | 63.68 | 98.92 | 341.26 |
| Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. | 2.51 | 23.07 | 6.61 | 8.09 | 2.25 | 15.16 | 23.55 | 81.24 |
| Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation | 0.45 | 4.11 | 1.18 | 1.44 | 0.40 | 2.70 | 4.20 | 14.48 |
| EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc | 6.21 | 57.23 | 16.40 | 20.07 | 5.59 | 37.61 | 58.42 | 201.53 |

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| Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. | 0.81 | 7.44 | 2.13 | 2.61 | 0.73 | 4.89 | 7.59 | 26.20 |
| E.L.K. Energy Inc. | 4.42 | 40.66 | 11.65 | 14.26 | 3.97 | 26.72 | 41.50 | 143.18 |
| Energy+ Inc. | 23.47 | 216.11 | 61.93 | 75.79 | 21.12 | 142.01 | 220.59 | 761.02 |
| Entegrus Powerlines Inc. | 21.25 | 195.72 | 56.09 | 68.64 | 19.13 | 128.61 | 199.78 | 689.22 |
| Enwin Utilities Ltd. | 32.05 | 295.15 | 84.58 | 103.51 | 28.85 | 193.95 | 301.27 | 1,039.36 |
| ERTH Power Corporation | 8.26 | 76.09 | 21.81 | 26.69 | 7.44 | 50.00 | 77.67 | 267.96 |
| Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation | 1.19 | 10.99 | 3.15 | 3.85 | 1.07 | 7.22 | 11.21 | 38.68 |
| Essex Powerlines Corporation | 10.76 | 99.12 | 28.40 | 34.76 | 9.69 | 65.13 | 101.18 | 349.04 |
| Elexicon Energy | 59.12 | 544.47 | 156.02 | 190.95 | 53.21 | 357.78 | 555.75 | 1,917.30 |
| Festival Hydro Inc. | 7.65 | 70.42 | 20.18 | 24.70 | 6.88 | 46.28 | 71.88 | 247.99 |
| Fort Albany Power Corporation | 0.11 | 0.99 | 0.28 | 0.35 | 0.10 | 0.65 | 1.01 | 3.49 |
| Fort Frances Power Corporation | 1.36 | 12.50 | 3.58 | 4.39 | 1.22 | 8.22 | 12.76 | 44.03 |
| Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. | 17.20 | 158.44 | 45.40 | 55.57 | 15.48 | 104.11 | 161.72 | 557.92 |
| Grimsby Power Incorporated | 4.12 | 37.91 | 10.86 | 13.29 | 3.70 | 24.91 | 38.69 | 133.48 |
| Halton Hills Hydro Inc. | 8.06 | 74.26 | 21.28 | 26.04 | 7.26 | 48.80 | 75.80 | 261.50 |
| Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. | 2.01 | 18.48 | 5.30 | 6.48 | 1.81 | 12.14 | 18.86 | 65.08 |
| Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited | 0.98 | 9.01 | 2.58 | 3.16 | 0.88 | 5.92 | 9.20 | 31.73 |

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| Hydro 2000 Inc. | 0.46 | 4.28 | 1.23 | 1.50 | 0.42 | 2.81 | 4.36 | 15.06 |
| Hydro One Networks Inc. | 478.51 | 4,406.95 | 1,262.84 | 1,545.55 | 430.67 | 2,895.97 | 4,498.31 | 15,518.80 |
| Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. | 1.31 | 12.04 | 3.45 | 4.22 | 1.18 | 7.91 | 12.29 | 42.40 |
| Hydro Ottawa Limited | 120.20 | 1,106.94 | 317.20 | 388.21 | 108.18 | 727.39 | 1,129.88 | 3,898.00 |
| Innpower Corporation | 6.26 | 57.67 | 16.52 | 20.22 | 5.64 | 37.89 | 58.86 | 203.06 |
| Kashechewan Power Corporation | 0.15 | 1.43 | 0.41 | 0.50 | 0.14 | 0.94 | 1.46 | 5.03 |
| Kingston Hydro Corporation | 10.00 | 92.10 | 26.39 | 32.30 | 9.00 | 60.52 | 94.01 | 324.32 |
| Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. | 34.63 | 318.90 | 91.38 | 111.84 | 31.17 | 209.55 | 325.51 | 1,122.98 |
| Lakefront Utilities Inc. | 3.75 | 34.50 | 9.89 | 12.10 | 3.37 | 22.67 | 35.22 | 121.50 |
| Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. | 4.90 | 45.10 | 12.92 | 15.82 | 4.41 | 29.64 | 46.04 | 158.83 |
| London Hydro Inc. | 56.99 | 524.80 | 150.39 | 184.05 | 51.29 | 344.86 | 535.68 | 1,848.06 |
| Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. | 13.81 | 127.15 | 36.44 | 44.59 | 12.43 | 83.55 | 129.79 | 447.76 |
| Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd. | 15.61 | 143.74 | 41.19 | 50.41 | 14.05 | 94.45 | 146.72 | 506.17 |
| Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. | 19.83 | 182.60 | 52.32 | 64.04 | 17.85 | 119.99 | 186.38 | 643.01 |
| Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc. | 3.39 | 31.23 | 8.95 | 10.95 | 3.05 | 20.52 | 31.88 | 109.97 |
| North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited | 8.74 | 80.50 | 23.07 | 28.23 | 7.87 | 52.90 | 82.17 | 283.48 |
| Northern Ontario Wires Inc. | 2.16 | 19.90 | 5.70 | 6.98 | 1.95 | 13.08 | 20.32 | 70.09 |

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| Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. | 25.54 | 235.20 | 67.40 | 82.49 | 22.99 | 154.55 | 240.07 | 828.24 |
| Orangeville Hydro Limited | 4.46 | 41.11 | 11.78 | 14.42 | 4.02 | 27.01 | 41.96 | 144.76 |
| Orillia Power Distribution Corporation | 5.01 | 46.16 | 13.23 | 16.19 | 4.51 | 30.33 | 47.12 | 162.55 |
| Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. | 20.92 | 192.62 | 55.20 | 67.55 | 18.82 | 126.58 | 196.62 | 678.31 |
| Ottawa River Power Corporation | 4.03 | 37.10 | 10.63 | 13.01 | 3.63 | 24.38 | 37.87 | 130.65 |
| Peterborough Distribution Incorporated | 13.42 | 123.56 | 35.41 | 43.33 | 12.08 | 81.19 | 126.12 | 435.11 |
| PUC Distribution Inc. | 12.16 | 112.01 | 32.10 | 39.28 | 10.95 | 73.60 | 114.33 | 394.43 |
| Renfrew Hydro Inc. | 1.56 | 14.34 | 4.11 | 5.03 | 1.40 | 9.42 | 14.63 | 50.49 |
| Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. | 2.14 | 19.67 | 5.64 | 6.90 | 1.92 | 12.92 | 20.07 | 69.26 |
| Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. | 1.02 | 9.42 | 2.70 | 3.31 | 0.92 | 6.19 | 9.62 | 33.18 |
| Synergy North Corporation | 20.45 | 188.32 | 53.96 | 66.04 | 18.40 | 123.75 | 192.22 | 663.14 |
| Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. | 2.59 | 23.83 | 6.83 | 8.36 | 2.33 | 15.66 | 24.32 | 83.92 |
| Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited | 278.16 | 2,561.57 | 734.04 | 898.36 | 250.34 | 1,683.27 | 2,614.68 | 9,020.42 |
| Wasaga Distribution Inc. | 4.92 | 45.31 | 12.98 | 15.89 | 4.43 | 29.77 | 46.25 | 159.55 |
| Waterloo North Hydro Inc. | 20.63 | 189.95 | 54.43 | 66.62 | 18.56 | 124.82 | 193.89 | 668.90 |
| Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. | 8.37 | 77.06 | 22.08 | 27.03 | 7.53 | 50.64 | 78.66 | 271.37 |
| Wellington North Power Inc. | 1.37 | 12.59 | 3.61 | 4.41 | 1.23 | 8.27 | 12.85 | 44.33 |

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| Westario Power Inc. | 8.47 | 77.97 | 22.34 | 27.35 | 7.62 | 51.24 | 79.59 | 274.58 |
| Electricity Distribution Total | \$1,864.50 | \$17,170.35 | \$4,920.30 | \$6,021.76 | \$1,678.05 | \$11,283.05 | \$17,526.30 | \$60,464.31 |