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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0212

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

In the matter of a proceeding commenced by the Ontario Energy Board on its own motion to consider the values of the inflation factors to be used in rate adjustment applications for rates effective in 2022

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Commissioner

Pankaj Sardana
Commissioner

Anthony Zlahtic
Commissioner

December 15, 2021

OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) initiated a generic proceeding on its own motion to consider the inflation factors to be used to set rates for certain electricity transmitters and electricity and natural gas distributors for 2022.

Based on the criteria set out in section 3 of the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, the OEB determined that the following persons are eligible for cost awards (collectively the Eligible Participants):

1. Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
2. Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
3. London Property Management Association (LPMA)
4. School Energy Coalition (SEC)
5. Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

In Procedural Order #1 issued on August 27, 2021, the OEB indicated that cost awards will be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors, rate-regulated electricity transmitters and rate-regulated natural gas distributors (collectively, Rate-regulated Utilities). The OEB finds that the approved costs are to be apportioned amongst all of the Rate-regulated Utilities in the same manner as under the OEB's Cost Assessment Model.

Under the Cost Assessment Model revised in February 2016, cost assessments for distributors are based on customer numbers rather than revenues. As a result, the OEB has apportioned the approved cost awards within the distributor class based on customer numbers.

On November 18, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for cost claims. The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, CCC, LPMA, SEC and VECC. No objections were received.

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 approves the cost claims as filed.

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

• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$5,593.50
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$4,474.80
• London Property Management Association	\$4,773.12
• School Energy Coalition	\$5,957.36
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$5,230.78

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each Rate-regulated Utility 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 Utilities 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 Rate-regulated Utility 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 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Each Rate-regulated Utility listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order will receive an invoice from the OEB that includes the total costs set out in Schedule A.
2. Each Rate-regulated Utility in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall make a payment to the OEB in accordance with the invoice referred to in paragraph 1. The payment shall be due at the same time as all other cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act.

DATED at Toronto December 15, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar

Schedule A

OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards

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Gas Distributor, Transmitter, Storage Company	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Consumers Council of Canada	London Property Management Association	School Energy Coalition	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Costs	Total Costs
Enbridge Gas Inc	1,618.86	1,295.09	1,381.42	1,724.17	1,513.88	7,533.42	135.47	7,668.88
Gas Total	1,618.86	1,295.09	1,381.42	1,724.17	1,513.88	7,533.42	135.47	7,668.88

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Consumers Council of Canada	London Property Management Association	School Energy Coalition	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Costs	Total Costs
Algoma Power Inc.	8.16	6.53	6.97	8.70	7.64	38.00	-	38.00
Alectra Utilities Corporation	709.53	567.63	605.47	755.69	663.52	3,301.83	58.87	3,360.71
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	25.46	20.37	21.73	27.12	23.81	118.50	-	118.50
Brantford Power Inc.	27.62	22.10	23.57	29.42	25.83	128.55	-	128.55
Burlington Hydro Inc.	46.89	37.51	40.01	49.94	43.85	218.22	-	218.22
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	20.23	16.19	17.27	21.55	18.92	94.15	-	94.15
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc	11.95	9.56	10.20	12.73	11.17	55.60	-	55.60
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	8.49	6.79	7.24	9.04	7.94	39.51	-	39.51
Energy+ Inc.	45.12	36.09	38.50	48.05	42.19	209.96	-	209.96

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Consumers Council of Canada	London Property Management Association	School Energy Coalition	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Costs	Total Costs
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	40.86	32.69	34.87	43.52	38.21	190.16	-	190.16
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	61.62	49.30	52.58	65.63	57.63	286.76	-	286.76
ERTH Power Corporation	15.89	12.71	13.56	16.92	14.86	73.93	-	73.93
Essex Powerlines Corporation	20.69	16.56	17.66	22.04	19.35	96.30	-	96.30
Elexicon Energy	113.67	90.94	97.00	121.07	106.30	528.98	-	528.98
Festival Hydro Inc.	14.70	11.76	12.55	15.66	13.75	68.42	-	68.42
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	33.08	26.46	28.23	35.23	30.93	153.93	-	153.93
Grimsby Power Incorporated	7.91	6.33	6.75	8.43	7.40	36.83	-	36.83
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	15.50	12.40	13.23	16.51	14.50	72.15	-	72.15
Hydro One Networks Inc.	955.51	764.41	815.37	1,017.67	893.55	4,446.52	79.28	4,525.80
Hydro Ottawa Limited	231.10	184.88	197.21	246.14	216.12	1,075.45	-	1,075.45
Innpower Corporation	12.04	9.63	10.27	12.82	11.26	56.03	-	56.03
Kingston Hydro Corporation	19.23	15.38	16.41	20.48	17.98	89.48	-	89.48
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	66.58	53.26	56.81	70.91	62.26	309.83	-	309.83
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	7.20	5.76	6.15	7.67	6.74	33.52	-	33.52
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	9.42	7.53	8.04	10.03	8.81	43.82	-	43.82
London Hydro Inc.	109.57	87.65	93.50	116.70	102.46	509.88	-	509.88
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	26.55	21.24	22.65	28.27	24.83	123.54	-	123.54
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	30.01	24.01	25.61	31.96	28.06	139.65	-	139.65

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Consumers Council of Canada	London Property Management Association	School Energy Coalition	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Costs	Total Costs
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	38.12	30.50	32.53	40.60	35.65	177.40	-	177.40
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	6.52	5.22	5.56	6.94	6.10	30.34	-	30.34
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	16.81	13.45	14.34	17.90	15.72	78.21	-	78.21
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	49.10	39.28	41.90	52.30	45.92	228.51	-	228.51
Orangeville Hydro Limited	8.58	6.87	7.32	9.14	8.03	39.94	-	39.94
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	40.22	32.17	34.32	42.83	37.61	187.14	-	187.14
Ottawa River Power Corporation	7.75	6.20	6.61	8.25	7.24	36.05	-	36.05
PUC Distribution Inc.	23.38	18.71	19.96	24.91	21.87	108.82	-	108.82
Synergy North Corporation	39.32	31.45	33.55	41.87	36.77	182.96	-	182.96
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	534.80	427.84	456.37	569.59	500.12	2,488.72	44.38	2,533.10
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	9.46	7.57	8.07	10.08	8.85	44.02	-	44.02
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	39.66	31.73	33.84	42.24	37.09	184.55	-	184.55
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	16.09	12.87	13.73	17.14	15.05	74.87	-	74.87
Westario Power Inc.	16.28	13.02	13.89	17.34	15.22	75.76	-	75.76
Electricity Distribution Total (80%)	3,540.70	2,832.56	3,021.40	3,771.02	3,311.10	16,476.78	182.53	16,659.32

Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Consumers Council of Canada	London Property Management Association	School Energy Coalition	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Costs	Total Costs
B2M Limited Partnership	9.16	7.33	7.82	9.75	8.56	42.62	-	42.62
Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie Inc. on behalf of Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP	11.01	8.81	9.39	11.72	10.29	51.23	-	51.23
Hydro One Networks Inc.	413.77	331.02	353.09	440.69	386.94	1,925.51	-	1,925.51
Electricity Transmission Total (20%)	433.94	347.15	370.30	462.17	405.80	2,019.36	-	2,019.36
Grand Total	\$ 5,593.50	\$ 4,474.80	\$ 4,773.12	\$ 5,957.36	\$ 5,230.78	\$ 26,029.56	\$ 318.00	\$ 26,347.56

**total intervenor costs of \$242.27 was reallocated to the companies listed in the Appendix A based on the s.26 Cost Assessment Model to eliminate charges under \$25. This option is in line with the Practice Direction on Cost Awards (section 12.02).*

***total board costs of \$102.49 was reallocated to the companies listed in the Appendix A based on the s.26 Cost Assessment Model to eliminate charges under \$25.*