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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0106

**2021 Conservation and Demand Management Guidelines for
Electricity Distributors**

By Delegation Before: Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President, Applications Division

February 10, 2022

OVERVIEW

On August 5, 2021, the OEB released an OEB staff discussion paper, [Updating the Conservation and Demand Management Guidelines for Electricity Distributors](#), setting out a proposed approach regarding the role of conservation and demand management (CDM) for rate-regulated electricity distributors, with the intent to develop updated CDM guidelines to replace the existing [Conservation and Demand Management Requirement Guidelines for Electricity Distributors](#).

A letter accompanying the staff discussion paper invited comments from interested parties, and requested participants to indicate whether they were requesting cost eligibility. The letter also indicated that costs awarded would be recovered from rate-regulated electricity distributors based on their respective customer numbers, and that a maximum of 10 hours per eligible participant would be eligible for cost awards.

Based on the criteria set out in section 3 of the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, the OEB determined in a Decision on Cost Eligibility on September 1, 2021 that the following persons were eligible (the Eligible Participants) to apply for an award of costs:

- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Environmental Defence
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN)
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition (VECC)

On December 20, 2021, the OEB issued an updated version of the Conservation and Demand Management Guidelines for Electricity Distributors ([the 2021 CDM Guidelines](#)), and an accompanying letter in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from BOMA, Environmental Defence, LPMA, OSEA, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC, all of whom filed comments on the staff discussion paper. No objections to these cost claims were received. CCC filed no comments on the staff discussion paper and, by e-mail, stated that they would not file a cost claim.

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 all filed claims are reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards. The OEB approves cost awards for the Eligible Participants as follows:

• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$2,330.63
• Environmental Defence	\$1,271.82
• London Property Management Association	\$1,901.79
• Low-Income Energy Network	\$3,616.00
• Ontario Sustainable Energy Association	\$2,071.29
• Pollution Probe	\$3,542.55
• School Energy Coalition	\$3,729.00
• Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition	\$2,829.77

The OEB finds that the approved costs are to be apportioned amongst all of the Rate-regulated Utilities based on customer numbers.

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. 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 February 10, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Acting Registrar

Schedule A

OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards

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Electricity Distribution System	Building Owners & Managers Association	Environmental Defence	London Property Management Association	Low Income Energy Network	Ontario Sustainable Energy Association	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Total Costs
Algoma Power Inc.	5.36	2.92	4.37	8.32	4.76	8.15	8.58	6.51	48.97
Alectra Utilities Corporation	465.75	254.16	380.05	722.62	413.93	707.94	745.20	565.50	4,255.17
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	16.72	9.12	13.64	25.93	14.86	25.41	26.74	20.30	152.71
Brantford Power Inc.	18.13	9.90	14.80	28.13	16.12	27.56	29.01	22.02	165.67
Burlington Hydro Inc.	30.78	16.80	25.12	47.76	27.36	46.79	49.25	37.37	281.22
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	13.28	7.25	10.84	20.61	11.80	20.19	21.25	16.13	121.34
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	3.16	1.73	2.58	4.91	2.81	4.81	5.06	3.84	28.88
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc	7.84	4.28	6.40	12.17	6.97	11.92	12.55	9.52	71.66
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	5.57	3.04	4.55	8.65	4.95	8.47	8.92	6.77	50.91
Energy+ Inc.	29.62	16.16	24.17	45.95	26.32	45.02	47.39	35.96	270.58
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	26.82	14.64	21.89	41.62	23.84	40.77	42.92	32.57	245.06
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	40.45	22.07	33.01	62.76	35.95	61.48	64.72	49.11	369.56
ERTH Power Corporation	10.43	5.69	8.51	16.18	9.27	15.85	16.69	12.66	95.28
Essex Powerlines Corporation	13.58	7.41	11.08	21.08	12.07	20.65	21.73	16.49	124.11

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Elexicon Energy	74.62	40.72	60.89	115.77	66.31	113.42	119.39	90.60	681.72
Festival Hydro Inc.	9.65	5.27	7.88	14.97	8.58	14.67	15.44	11.72	88.18
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	21.71	11.85	17.72	33.69	19.30	33.00	34.74	26.36	198.38
Grimsby Power Incorporated	5.20	2.83	4.24	8.06	4.62	7.90	8.31	6.31	47.46
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	10.18	5.55	8.30	15.79	9.04	15.47	16.28	12.36	92.98
Hydro One Networks Inc.	627.22	342.27	511.81	973.14	557.43	953.38	1,003.55	761.55	5,730.36
Hydro Ottawa Limited	151.70	82.78	123.79	235.37	134.82	230.59	242.72	184.19	1,385.97
Innpower Corporation	7.90	4.31	6.45	12.26	7.02	12.01	12.64	9.60	72.20
Kingston Hydro Corporation	12.62	6.89	10.30	19.58	11.22	19.18	20.19	15.32	115.31
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	43.70	23.85	35.66	67.81	38.84	66.43	69.93	53.06	399.28
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	4.73	2.58	3.86	7.34	4.20	7.19	7.57	5.74	43.20
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	6.18	3.37	5.04	9.59	5.49	9.40	9.89	7.51	56.47
London Hydro Inc.	71.92	39.25	58.69	111.59	63.92	109.32	115.08	87.33	657.09
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	17.43	9.51	14.22	27.04	15.49	26.49	27.88	21.16	159.20
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	19.70	10.75	16.07	30.56	17.51	29.94	31.52	23.92	179.97
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	25.02	13.66	20.42	38.83	22.24	38.04	40.04	30.38	228.63
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	4.28	2.34	3.49	6.64	3.80	6.51	6.85	5.20	39.10

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North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	11.03	6.02	9.00	17.12	9.80	16.77	17.65	13.40	100.79
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	32.23	17.59	26.30	50.01	28.65	48.99	51.57	39.14	294.49
Orangeville Hydro Limited	5.63	3.07	4.60	8.74	5.01	8.56	9.01	6.84	51.47
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	26.40	14.41	21.54	40.96	23.46	40.13	42.24	32.05	241.18
Ottawa River Power Corporation	5.08	2.77	4.15	7.89	4.52	7.73	8.14	6.17	46.46
PUC Distribution Inc.	15.35	8.38	12.53	23.82	13.64	23.33	24.56	18.64	140.24
Synergy North Corporation	25.81	14.08	21.06	40.04	22.94	39.23	41.29	31.34	235.79
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	3.27	1.78	2.66	5.07	2.90	4.96	5.23	3.97	29.84
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	351.06	191.57	286.46	544.67	311.99	533.61	561.69	426.24	3,207.29
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	6.21	3.39	5.07	9.63	5.52	9.44	9.94	7.54	56.73
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	26.03	14.21	21.24	40.39	23.14	39.57	41.65	31.61	237.84
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	10.56	5.76	8.62	16.39	9.39	16.05	16.90	12.82	96.49
Westario Power Inc.	10.69	5.83	8.72	16.58	9.50	16.24	17.10	12.97	97.63
Electricity Distribution Total (100%)	2,330.63	1,271.82	1,901.79	3,616.00	2,071.29	3,542.55	3,729.00	2,829.77	21,292.85

*total intervenor costs of \$203.80 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).