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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0118

**Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and
Utility Incentives**

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

March 24, 2022

1 OVERVIEW

On March 23, 2021, the OEB issued a [letter](#) announcing the consolidation and continuation of two consultations – Utility Remuneration (EB-2018-0287) and Responding to Distributed Energy Resources (EB-2018-0288) – as the Framework for Energy Innovation (FEI) under file number EB-2021-0118.

The letter indicated that cost awards would continue to be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act) to eligible participants. Those participants who were found eligible for costs in EB-2018-0287/0288 would maintain their eligibility in FEI and were not required to reapply. The letter also indicated that under FEI, work would be undertaken jointly for both Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives and costs awarded for activities related to this work would be recovered as follows effective March 23, 2021:

- 80% from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors
- 20% from all rate-regulated licensed electricity transmitters

On October 14, 2021, the OEB issued a [letter](#) addressing costs related to participation at the OEB/IESO Joint Engagement Session. The letter indicated that cost awards will be available to those participants in the Joint Engagement Session who have been determined eligible for costs in the FEI consultation.

The following organizations are eligible for an award of costs in relation to cost eligible activities (collectively the eligible participants):¹

- Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin)
- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Electric Vehicle Society (EVS)
- Environmental Defence
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)

¹ EB-2021-0118 – Cost Awards Process Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (April 22, 2021) and EB-2021-0118 Decision on Cost Eligibility Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (May 10, 2021)

- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

In accordance with the Cost Assessment Model, the OEB will apportion costs amongst the distributors class based on customer numbers.

On February 17, 2022, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in which it set out the activities undertaken between March 23, 2021 and January 31, 2022 and the process for cost claims.

The eligible activities are as follows:

FEI Near-Term Priority Workstreams

- Written comments on concerns with near-term priority workstreams up to a maximum of five hours.

FEI Working Group activities

- Preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on FEI working group meetings (for Eligible Participants and/or their consultants) up to 1.5 times of actual attended meeting time.
- FEIWG Lead: Preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on meetings (for Eligible Participants and/or their consultants) up to 2.5 times of actual attended meeting time.
- Sub-group members: Preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on sub-group meetings (for Eligible Participants and/or their consultants) up to 2.5 times of actual attended meeting time.

Joint OEB/IESO Engagement Session

- Attendance and participation at the OEB/IESO Joint Engagement Session for a maximum of two hours.

The OEB received cost claims from Anwaatin, AMPCO, CME, CCC, EVS, Environmental Defence, IGUA, OCC, Pollution Probe and SEC. BOMA, Energy Probe, LPMA and VECC did not file a cost claim. 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 within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards. The OEB approves cost awards for the Eligible Participants as follows:

• Anwaatin Inc.	\$32,255.85
• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$28,564.17
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$25,263.97
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$30,018.45
• Electric Vehicle Society	\$18,421.26
• Environmental Defence	\$31,721.36
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$29,309.97
• Ontario Chamber of Commerce	\$24,704.61
• Pollution Probe	\$36,861.18
• School Energy Coalition	\$42,734.34

The OEB also approves an amount of \$69,911.93 for recovery from rate-regulated electricity distributors and rate-regulated electricity transmitters (rate-regulated utilities) associated with the OEB's costs incidental to this consultation.

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 several proceedings and consultations, including this proceeding.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Each rate-regulated utility in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall make a payment to the OEB in accordance with the invoice set out in Schedule A. The payment shall be due at the same time as all other cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act.

DATED at Toronto March 24, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Schedule A

OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards

EB-2021-0118

Company	Anwaatin Inc.	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Electric Vehicle Society	Environmental Defence	Industrial Gas Users Association	Ontario Chamber of Commerce	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Award	OEB Costs	Total Costs
Electricity Distribution System													
Algoma Power Inc.	58.79	52.06	46.04	54.71	33.57	57.81	53.42	45.02	67.18	77.88	546.49	127.57	674.07
Alectra Utilities Corporation	5,108.68	4,524.00	4,001.31	4,754.32	2,917.56	5,024.03	4,642.12	3,912.72	5,838.08	6,768.27	47,491.08	11,086.40	58,577.49
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	8.21	7.27	6.43	7.64	4.69	8.08	7.46	6.29	9.39	10.88	76.36	-	76.36
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	183.34	162.36	143.60	170.63	104.71	180.31	166.60	140.42	209.52	242.90	1,704.39	397.88	2,102.27
Brantford Power Inc.	198.90	176.13	155.78	185.10	113.59	195.60	180.73	152.33	227.29	263.51	1,848.97	431.63	2,280.60
Burlington Hydro Inc.	337.63	298.99	264.44	314.21	192.82	332.03	306.79	258.59	385.83	447.31	3,138.64	732.69	3,871.33
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	145.68	129.01	114.10	135.57	83.20	143.26	132.37	111.57	166.48	193.00	1,354.25	316.14	1,670.39
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	34.68	30.71	27.16	32.27	19.80	34.10	31.51	26.56	39.63	45.94	322.37	75.26	397.63
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	6.18	5.47	4.84	5.75	3.53	6.08	5.62	4.73	7.06	8.19	57.46	-	57.46
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc	86.03	76.19	67.38	80.07	49.13	84.61	78.18	65.89	98.32	113.98	799.78	186.70	986.48
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	11.18	9.90	8.76	10.40	6.38	10.99	10.16	8.56	12.77	14.81	103.91	-	103.91

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Electricity Distribution System													
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	61.12	54.13	47.87	56.88	34.91	60.11	55.54	46.81	69.85	80.98	568.21	132.64	700.86
Energy+ Inc.	324.86	287.68	254.44	302.32	185.52	319.47	295.19	248.81	371.24	430.39	3,019.91	704.97	3,724.89
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	294.21	260.54	230.44	273.81	168.02	289.34	267.34	225.34	336.22	389.79	2,735.05	638.48	3,373.53
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	443.68	392.90	347.51	412.91	253.39	436.33	403.16	339.81	507.03	587.81	4,124.53	962.84	5,087.37
ERTH Power Corporation	114.39	101.30	89.59	106.45	65.33	112.49	103.94	87.61	130.72	151.55	1,063.36	248.23	1,311.59
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	16.51	14.62	12.93	15.37	9.43	16.24	15.00	12.65	18.87	21.88	153.51	35.84	189.34
Essex Powerlines Corporation	149.00	131.95	116.70	138.66	85.09	146.53	135.39	114.12	170.27	197.40	1,385.13	323.35	1,708.47
Elexicon Energy	818.46	724.78	641.04	761.68	467.42	804.89	743.71	626.85	935.31	1,084.34	7,608.48	1,776.14	9,384.62
Festival Hydro Inc.	105.86	93.75	82.92	98.52	60.46	104.11	96.20	81.08	120.98	140.26	984.13	229.74	1,213.87
Fort Frances Power Corporation	18.80	16.64	14.72	17.49	10.73	18.48	17.08	14.40	21.48	24.90	174.73	40.79	215.52
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	238.17	210.91	186.54	221.65	136.02	234.22	216.42	182.41	272.18	315.54	2,214.07	516.86	2,730.93
Grimsby Power Incorporated	56.98	50.46	44.63	53.03	32.54	56.04	51.78	43.64	65.12	75.49	529.72	123.66	653.38
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	111.63	98.85	87.43	103.89	63.75	109.78	101.43	85.50	127.57	147.89	1,037.72	242.25	1,279.97
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	27.78	24.60	21.76	25.85	15.87	27.32	25.24	21.28	31.75	36.81	258.26	60.29	318.55
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	13.54	11.99	10.61	12.60	7.73	13.32	12.31	10.37	15.48	17.94	125.90	29.39	155.29

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Electricity Distribution System													
Hydro 2000 Inc.	6.43	5.69	5.03	5.98	3.67	6.32	5.84	4.92	7.34	8.51	59.75	-	59.75
Hydro One Networks Inc.	6,879.77	6,092.38	5,388.49	6,402.56	3,929.03	6,765.77	6,251.45	5,269.19	7,862.03	9,114.71	63,955.39	14,929.86	78,885.26
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	18.10	16.03	14.17	16.84	10.34	17.80	16.44	13.86	20.68	23.98	168.23	39.27	207.50
Hydro Ottawa Limited	1,663.97	1,473.53	1,303.28	1,548.55	950.29	1,636.40	1,512.00	1,274.43	1,901.54	2,204.52	15,468.52	3,611.00	19,079.52
Innpower Corporation	86.69	76.76	67.90	80.67	49.51	85.25	78.77	66.39	99.06	114.85	805.84	188.12	993.96
Kingston Hydro Corporation	138.44	122.60	108.43	128.84	79.06	136.15	125.80	106.03	158.21	183.41	1,286.96	300.43	1,587.40
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	479.37	424.51	375.46	446.12	273.77	471.43	435.59	367.15	547.81	635.10	4,456.31	1,040.29	5,496.60
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	51.87	45.93	40.62	48.27	29.62	51.01	47.13	39.72	59.27	68.71	482.15	112.55	594.70
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	67.80	60.04	53.10	63.10	38.72	66.68	61.61	51.93	77.48	89.82	630.28	147.13	777.41
London Hydro Inc.	788.90	698.61	617.89	734.18	450.54	775.82	716.85	604.21	901.53	1,045.17	7,333.70	1,711.99	9,045.69
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	191.14	169.26	149.71	177.88	109.16	187.97	173.68	146.39	218.43	253.23	1,776.85	414.79	2,191.65
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	216.07	191.34	169.23	201.08	123.40	212.49	196.34	165.49	246.92	286.26	2,008.61	468.89	2,477.50
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	274.48	243.07	214.99	255.45	156.76	269.94	249.42	210.23	313.67	363.65	2,551.65	595.66	3,147.31
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	46.95	41.57	36.77	43.69	26.81	46.17	42.66	35.96	53.65	62.20	436.42	101.88	538.30
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	121.01	107.16	94.78	112.62	69.11	119.01	109.96	92.68	138.29	160.32	1,124.94	262.61	1,387.54

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Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	29.92	26.49	23.43	27.84	17.09	29.42	27.19	22.91	34.19	39.64	278.13	64.93	343.06
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	353.55	313.09	276.92	329.03	201.91	347.70	321.26	270.79	404.03	468.41	3,286.69	767.25	4,053.95
Orangeville Hydro Limited	61.79	54.72	48.40	57.50	35.29	60.77	56.15	47.33	70.61	81.86	574.42	134.09	708.51
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	289.55	256.41	226.79	269.47	165.36	284.76	263.11	221.77	330.90	383.62	2,691.74	628.36	3,320.11
Ottawa River Power Corporation	55.77	49.39	43.68	51.90	31.85	54.85	50.68	42.72	63.74	73.89	518.48	121.03	639.51
PUC Distribution Inc.	168.37	149.10	131.88	156.69	96.16	165.58	153.00	128.96	192.41	223.07	1,565.22	365.39	1,930.60
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	21.55	19.09	16.88	20.06	12.31	21.19	19.58	16.51	24.63	28.55	200.35	46.77	247.12
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	29.56	26.18	23.15	27.51	16.88	29.07	26.86	22.64	33.78	39.17	274.82	64.15	338.97
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	14.17	12.55	11.10	13.18	8.09	13.93	12.87	10.85	16.19	18.77	131.70	30.74	162.44
Synergy North Corporation	283.09	250.69	221.72	263.45	161.67	278.39	257.23	216.81	323.50	375.05	2,631.61	614.33	3,245.93
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	35.82	31.72	28.06	33.34	20.46	35.23	32.55	27.43	40.93	47.46	332.99	77.73	410.73
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	3,850.62	3,409.92	3,015.95	3,583.52	2,199.08	3,786.81	3,498.95	2,949.17	4,400.39	5,101.51	35,795.92	8,356.27	44,152.19
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	68.11	60.32	53.35	63.39	38.90	66.98	61.89	52.17	77.84	90.24	633.17	147.81	780.97
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	285.54	252.86	223.65	265.74	163.07	280.81	259.47	218.70	326.31	378.30	2,654.46	619.66	3,274.12
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	115.84	102.58	90.73	107.81	66.16	113.92	105.26	88.72	132.38	153.47	1,076.87	251.39	1,328.25

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Electricity Distribution System													
Wellington North Power Inc.	18.92	16.76	14.82	17.61	10.81	18.61	17.19	14.49	21.62	25.07	175.89	41.06	216.96
Westario Power Inc.	117.21	103.80	91.81	109.08	66.94	115.27	106.51	89.77	133.95	155.29	1,089.63	254.37	1,344.00
Electricity Distribution Total (80%)													295,813.67
Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator													
B2M Limited Partnership	134.74	119.32	105.53	125.39	76.95	132.51	122.44	103.20	153.98	178.51	1,252.57	292.04	1,544.61
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	18.75	16.60	14.68	17.45	10.71	18.44	17.04	14.36	21.43	24.84	174.29	40.64	214.93
Five Nations Energy Inc.	30.03	26.59	23.52	27.94	17.15	29.53	27.28	23.00	34.31	39.78	279.13	65.08	344.21
Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie Inc. on behalf of Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP	161.95	143.42	126.85	150.72	92.49	159.27	147.16	124.04	185.07	214.56	1,505.52	351.02	1,856.54
Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership	18.18	16.10	14.24	16.92	10.38	17.88	16.52	13.93	20.78	24.09	169.02	39.41	208.43
Hydro One Networks Inc.	6,087.52	5,390.80	4,767.97	5,665.26	3,476.57	5,986.65	5,531.56	4,662.40	6,956.67	8,065.09	56,590.49	13,194.21	69,784.70

Electricity Transmission Total (20%)	6,451.17	5,712.83	5,052.79	6,003.69	3,684.25	6,344.27	5,861.99	4,940.92	7,372.24	8,546.87	59,971.03	13,982.39	73,953.42
Grand Total	32,255.85	28,564.17	25,263.97	30,018.45	18,421.26	31,721.36	29,309.97	24,704.61	36,861.18	42,734.34	299,855.16	69,911.93	369,767.09

*total intervenor costs of \$57.56 was reallocated to the companies listed in the Schedule 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 \$82.76 was reallocated to the companies listed in the Schedule A based on the s.26 Cost Assessment Model to eliminate charges under \$25.

***total board costs will be updated if more cost is received by March 31, 2022.