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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0117

Proposed Amendments to the Distribution System Code

By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson

Vice President, Consumer Protection &
Industry Performance

September 28, 2022

OVERVIEW

On August 5, 2021¹ and December 20, 2021², the OEB issued notices (collectively, the Notices) under section 70.2 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act) of proposed amendments to the Distribution System Code (DSC). These proposed amendments were intended to reduce the overall timeline and provide clarity and consistency in the process for connecting a distributed energy resource (DER) to an electricity distributor's system, and they followed a policy consultation³ that involved the review of the OEB's requirements regarding the connection of DERs. The final versions of the amendments to the DSC were issued March 22, 2022 and will come into force on October 1, 2022. The Notices indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the Act, and that the OEB had determined that licensed, rate-regulated electricity distributors would pay the costs.

The OEB issued a [Decision on Cost Eligibility](#) on September 3, 2021 that determined the following parties were eligible to apply for an award of costs:

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

The Notices advised that cost awards would be available in relation to providing comments on the proposed DSC amendments to a maximum of 15 hours (10 hours for the proposed amendments, and 5 hours for the revised proposed amendments, respectively).

¹ The [Notice of Proposal](#) to Amend the Distribution System Code

² The [Notice of Revised Proposal](#) to Amend the Distribution System Code

³ EB-2019-0207

In the Notices, the OEB requested that participants with similar viewpoints coordinate their activities in order to reduce costs, and that this effort will be taken into account during the decision on awards of costs.

The OEB received cost claims from Anwaatin, BOMA, CME, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, LPMA, OCC and Pollution Probe. AMPCO, CCC and SEC did not file a cost claim. No objections were received.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed to ensure they are 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 following eligible participants:

• Anwaatin Inc.	\$3,128.97
• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$5,593.50
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$1,118.70
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$2,811.60
• Environmental Defence	\$2,818.22
• London Property Management Association	\$2,796.75
• Ontario Chamber of Commerce	\$2,237.40
• Pollution Probe	\$3,169.65

The OEB has apportioned the approved cost awards within the class of licensed, rate-regulated electricity distributors based on customer numbers.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each licensed, rate-regulated electricity distributor 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 distributor 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 distributor 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 licensed distributor 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 September 28, 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

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Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Anwaatin Inc.	Building Owners & Managers Association	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Energy Probe Research Foundation	Environmental Defence	London Property Management Association	Ontario Chamber of Commerce	Pollution Probe	Cost Awards	Total Costs
Algoma Power Inc.	7.20	12.87	2.57	6.47	6.48	6.43	5.15	7.29	54.46	54.46
Alectra Utilities Corporation	630.60	1,127.28	225.46	566.63	567.97	563.64	450.91	638.79	4,771.28	4,771.28
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	21.92	39.18	7.84	19.70	19.74	19.59	15.67	22.20	165.84	165.84
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	64.11	114.60	22.92	57.60	57.74	57.30	45.84	64.94	485.05	485.05
Burlington Hydro Inc.	40.71	72.78	14.56	36.58	36.67	36.39	29.11	41.24	308.04	308.04
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	17.65	31.54	6.31	15.86	15.89	15.77	12.62	17.87	133.51	133.51
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	4.32	7.73	1.55	3.89	3.89	3.87	3.09	4.38	32.72	32.72
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc	10.81	19.32	3.86	9.71	9.73	9.66	7.73	10.95	81.77	81.77
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	7.49	13.39	2.68	6.73	6.74	6.69	5.35	7.59	56.66	56.66
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	35.97	64.31	12.86	32.33	32.40	32.15	25.72	36.44	272.18	272.18
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	53.50	95.64	19.13	48.07	48.19	47.82	38.26	54.20	404.81	404.81
ERTH Power Corporation	13.98	24.99	5.00	12.56	12.59	12.50	10.00	14.16	105.78	105.78
Essex Powerlines Corporation	18.21	32.54	6.51	16.36	16.40	16.27	13.02	18.44	137.75	137.75
Elexicon Energy	100.64	179.90	35.98	90.43	90.64	89.95	71.96	101.94	761.44	761.44

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Festival Hydro Inc.	12.86	22.98	4.60	11.55	11.58	11.49	9.19	13.02	97.27	97.27
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	28.42	50.81	10.16	25.54	25.60	25.40	20.32	28.79	215.04	215.04
Grimsby Power Incorporated	6.94	12.40	2.48	6.23	6.25	6.20	4.96	7.03	52.49	52.49
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	13.40	23.95	4.79	12.04	12.07	11.98	9.58	13.57	101.38	101.38
Hydro One Networks Inc.	839.03	1,499.99	299.98	753.93	755.76	749.98	599.97	849.98	6,348.62	6,348.62
Hydro Ottawa Limited	205.65	367.62	73.52	184.79	185.22	183.81	147.05	208.32	1,555.98	1,555.98
Innpower Corporation	11.45	20.47	4.09	10.29	10.31	10.23	8.19	11.60	86.63	86.63
Kingston Hydro Corporation	16.46	29.42	5.88	14.79	14.82	14.71	11.77	16.67	124.52	124.52
Enova Power Corp. (Formerly Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.)	58.80	105.11	21.02	52.83	52.96	52.55	42.04	59.56	444.87	444.87
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	6.32	11.29	2.26	5.68	5.69	5.65	4.52	6.40	47.81	47.81
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	8.27	14.79	2.96	7.44	7.45	7.40	5.92	8.38	62.61	62.61
London Hydro Inc.	96.27	172.10	34.42	86.51	86.71	86.05	68.84	97.52	728.42	728.42
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	24.48	43.75	8.75	21.99	22.04	21.88	17.50	24.79	185.18	185.18
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	26.24	46.90	9.38	23.58	23.63	23.45	18.76	26.58	198.52	198.52
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	33.83	60.47	12.09	30.40	30.47	30.24	24.19	34.27	255.96	255.96
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	5.72	10.22	2.04	5.14	5.15	5.11	4.09	5.79	43.26	43.26
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	14.42	25.78	5.16	12.96	12.99	12.89	10.31	14.61	109.12	109.12

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Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	3.52	6.29	1.26	3.16	3.17	3.15	2.52	3.57	26.64	26.64
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	43.94	78.55	15.71	39.48	39.58	39.27	31.42	44.51	332.46	332.46
Orangeville Hydro Limited	7.54	13.48	2.70	6.77	6.79	6.74	5.39	7.64	57.05	57.05
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	35.32	63.14	12.63	31.74	31.81	31.57	25.26	35.78	267.25	267.25
Ottawa River Power Corporation	6.79	12.14	2.43	6.10	6.12	6.07	4.86	6.88	51.39	51.39
PUC Distribution Inc.	20.04	35.82	7.16	18.01	18.05	17.91	14.33	20.30	151.62	151.62
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	3.50	6.26	1.25	3.15	3.15	3.13	2.50	3.55	26.49	26.49
Synergy North Corporation	33.78	60.38	12.08	30.35	30.42	30.19	24.15	34.22	255.57	255.57
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	4.58	8.19	1.64	4.12	4.13	4.10	3.28	4.64	34.68	34.68
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	462.64	827.04	165.41	415.72	416.70	413.52	330.82	468.66	3,500.51	3,500.51
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	8.45	15.11	3.02	7.60	7.61	7.56	6.05	8.56	63.96	63.96
Enova Power Corp. (Formerly Waterloo North Hydro Inc.)	34.70	62.03	12.41	31.18	31.25	31.01	24.81	35.15	262.54	262.54
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	14.28	25.53	5.11	12.83	12.86	12.77	10.21	14.47	108.06	108.06
Westario Power Inc.	14.22	25.42	5.08	12.78	12.81	12.71	10.17	14.41	107.60	107.60
Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator Total	\$3,128.97	\$5,593.50	\$1,118.70	\$2,811.60	\$2,818.22	\$2,796.75	\$2,237.40	\$3,169.65	\$ 23,674.79	\$23,674.79

**total intervenor costs of \$171.04 were 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)*