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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

November 2, 2022

OVERVIEW

On March 23, 2021, the OEB issued a [letter](#) confirming that cost awards would be available for participating in the OEB's Framework for Energy Innovation (FEI): Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives consultation, under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, and costs would be recovered as follows:

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

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)
- 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 OEB's Cost Assessment Model, the OEB will apportion costs amongst the distributors based on customer numbers, and amongst the transmitters based on revenues.

On September 12, 2022, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards ([September 2022 Notice](#)) in which it set out the activities undertaken between February 1, 2022, and September 2, 2022, and the process for cost claims.

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

The OEB received cost claims from Anwaatin, AMPCO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, EVS, Environmental Defence, IGUA, LPMA, OCC, Pollution Probe and SEC. VECC 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 approves the cost claims as filed by Anwaatin, AMPCO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, IGUA, LPMA, OCC and SEC.

The cost claim submitted by EVS includes 1.7 hours for attending the OEB/IESO Joint Engagement on Distributed Energy Resources Integration session on April 13, 2022. The April 2022 OEB/IESO session was not included in the list of eligible activities in the September 2022 Notice. The OEB has therefore reduced EVS' claim by 1.7 hours associated with the April 2022 OEB/IESO session. The OEB intends to issue a separate Notice dealing specifically with those activities in due course.

Pollution Probe's cost claim includes 6 hours for attending FEI Working Group meeting #21 on June 29, 2022. In responding to OEB staff questions, Pollution Probe affirmed those hours were submitted in error. The OEB has therefore removed that portion of Pollution Probe's claim.

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

• Anwaatin Inc.	\$27,149.38
• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$34,901.37
• Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto	\$2,796.75
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$47,358.35
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$24,984.30
• Electric Vehicle Society	\$25,500.73
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$1,054.35
• Environmental Defence	\$46,222.09
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$34,901.37
• London Property Management Association	\$3,020.49
• Ontario Chamber of Commerce	\$46,612.56
• Pollution Probe	\$53,921.36
• School Energy Coalition	\$55,002.78

The OEB also approves an amount of \$18,839.40 for recovery from rate-regulated electricity distributors and rate-regulated electricity transmitters (rate-regulated utilities) associated with the OEB's costs of and 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 invoice will be sent out at the same time as the invoices for cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act are sent out, and payment will be due at the same time that cost assessments are due.

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 amounts set out in Schedule A, upon receiving an invoice from the OEB.

DATED at Toronto November 1, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Schedule A
OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards

EB-2021-0118

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Anwaatin Inc.	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Building Owners & Managers Association	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Electric Vehicle Society	Energy Probe Research Foundation	Environmental Defence	Industrial Gas Users Association	London Property Management Association	Ontario Chamber of Commerce	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Costs	Total Costs
Algoma Power Inc.	49.43	63.54	5.09	86.22	45.49	46.43	1.92	84.15	63.54	5.50	84.86	98.17	100.14	734.48	34.30	768.78
Alectra Utilities Corporation	4,324.25	5,558.96	445.46	7,543.06	3,979.41	4,061.66	167.93	7,362.08	5,558.96	481.09	7,424.28	8,588.39	8,760.64	64,256.17	3,000.67	67,256.84
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	6.54	8.41	0.67	11.42	6.02	6.15	0.25	11.14	8.41	0.73	11.24	13.00	13.26	97.25	4.54	101.80
Attawapiskat Power Corporation	2.11	2.71	0.22	3.67	1.94	1.98	0.08	3.59	2.71	0.23	3.62	4.18	4.27	31.30	1.46	32.76
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	149.64	192.37	15.41	261.02	137.71	140.55	5.81	254.76	192.37	16.65	256.91	297.20	303.16	2,223.56	103.84	2,327.40
Burlington Hydro Inc.	277.89	357.24	28.63	484.75	255.73	261.02	10.79	473.12	357.24	30.92	477.11	551.92	562.99	4,129.35	192.83	4,322.19
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	121.44	156.12	12.51	211.84	111.76	114.07	4.72	206.76	156.12	13.51	208.50	241.20	246.03	1,804.57	84.27	1,888.84
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	29.85	38.38	3.08	52.08	27.47	28.04	1.16	50.83	38.38	3.32	51.26	59.29	60.48	443.62	20.72	464.34
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	4.95	6.36	0.51	8.63	4.55	4.65	0.19	8.42	6.36	0.55	8.50	9.83	10.02	73.53	3.43	76.96
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	9.88	12.71	1.02	17.24	9.10	9.28	0.38	16.83	12.71	1.10	16.97	19.63	20.02	146.87	6.86	153.73
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	49.42	63.53	5.09	86.20	45.48	46.42	1.92	84.13	63.53	5.50	84.84	98.15	100.11	734.30	34.29	768.59

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Anwaatin Inc.	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Building Owners & Managers Association	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Electric Vehicle Society	Energy Probe Research Foundation	Environmental Defence	Industrial Gas Users Association	London Property Management Association	Ontario Chamber of Commerce	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Costs	Total Costs
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	248.65	319.64	25.61	433.73	228.82	233.55	9.66	423.32	319.64	27.66	426.90	493.83	503.74	3,694.74	172.54	3,867.28
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	366.08	470.60	37.71	638.57	336.88	343.85	14.22	623.25	470.60	40.73	628.52	727.07	741.65	5,439.73	254.03	5,693.75
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc	74.73	96.06	7.70	130.35	68.77	70.19	2.90	127.22	96.06	8.31	128.30	148.41	151.39	1,110.40	51.85	1,162.25
ERTH Power Corporation	96.92	124.60	9.98	169.07	89.19	91.04	3.76	165.01	124.60	10.78	166.41	192.50	196.36	1,440.25	67.26	1,507.50
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	13.53	17.40	1.39	23.61	12.46	12.71	0.53	23.04	17.40	1.51	23.24	26.88	27.42	201.12	9.39	210.51
Essex Powerlines Corporation	124.93	160.60	12.87	217.93	114.97	117.34	4.85	212.70	160.60	13.90	214.49	248.13	253.10	1,856.41	86.69	1,943.10
Elexicon Energy	693.56	891.59	71.45	1,209.81	638.25	651.44	26.93	1,180.79	891.59	77.16	1,190.76	1,377.47	1,405.10	10,305.90	481.27	10,787.17
Enova Power Corp	641.95	825.25	66.13	1,119.80	590.76	602.97	24.93	1,092.93	825.25	71.42	1,102.17	1,274.98	1,300.55	9,539.10	445.46	9,984.57
Festival Hydro Inc.	88.56	113.85	9.12	154.49	81.50	83.19	3.44	150.78	113.85	9.85	152.06	175.90	179.43	1,316.02	61.46	1,377.48
Fort Frances Power Corporation	15.12	19.43	1.56	26.37	13.91	14.20	0.59	25.73	19.43	1.68	25.95	30.02	30.62	224.60	10.49	235.09
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	441.68	567.80	45.50	770.45	406.46	414.86	17.15	751.97	567.80	49.14	758.32	877.22	894.82	6,563.16	306.49	6,869.65
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	193.50	248.75	19.93	337.53	178.07	181.75	7.51	329.43	248.75	21.53	332.21	384.30	392.01	2,875.26	134.27	3,009.54
Grimsby Power Incorporated	47.98	61.68	4.94	83.70	44.15	45.07	1.86	81.69	61.68	5.34	82.38	95.30	97.21	712.97	33.29	746.27

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Anwaatin Inc.	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Building Owners & Managers Association	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Electric Vehicle Society	Energy Probe Research Foundation	Environmental Defence	Industrial Gas Users Association	London Property Management Association	Ontario Chamber of Commerce	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Costs	Total Costs
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	91.92	118.17	9.47	160.34	84.59	86.34	3.57	156.49	118.17	10.23	157.82	182.56	186.22	1,365.88	63.78	1,429.66
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	22.54	28.98	2.32	39.32	20.74	21.17	0.88	38.38	28.98	2.51	38.70	44.77	45.67	334.95	15.64	350.59
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	10.98	14.11	1.13	19.15	10.10	10.31	0.43	18.69	14.11	1.22	18.84	21.80	22.24	163.09	7.62	170.71
Hydro 2000 Inc.	5.11	6.56	0.53	8.91	4.70	4.80	0.20	8.69	6.56	0.57	8.77	10.14	10.34	75.87	3.54	79.41
Hydro One Networks Inc.	5,821.17	7,483.30	599.66	10,154.24	5,356.95	5,467.68	226.07	9,910.61	7,483.30	647.63	9,994.33	11,561.43	11,793.30	86,499.66	4,039.41	90,539.07
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	17.63	22.66	1.82	30.75	16.22	16.56	0.68	30.01	22.66	1.96	30.26	35.01	35.71	261.91	12.23	274.14
Hydro Ottawa Limited	1,428.30	1,836.12	147.13	2,491.46	1,314.39	1,341.56	55.47	2,431.69	1,836.12	158.90	2,452.23	2,836.74	2,893.63	21,223.74	991.12	22,214.85
Innpower Corporation	79.65	102.39	8.21	138.94	73.30	74.81	3.09	135.61	102.39	8.86	136.75	158.19	161.37	1,183.57	55.27	1,238.84
Kashechewan Power Corporation	1.75	2.26	0.18	3.06	1.61	1.65	0.07	2.99	2.26	0.20	3.01	3.48	3.55	26.07	1.22	27.29
Kingston Hydro Corporation	113.17	145.48	11.66	197.40	104.14	106.30	4.39	192.67	145.48	12.59	194.30	224.76	229.27	1,681.61	78.53	1,760.14
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	43.48	55.90	4.48	75.85	40.01	40.84	1.69	74.03	55.90	4.84	74.65	86.36	88.09	646.12	30.17	676.29
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	57.32	73.69	5.91	99.99	52.75	53.84	2.23	97.59	73.69	6.38	98.42	113.85	116.13	851.80	39.78	891.57
London Hydro Inc.	663.54	853.00	68.35	1,157.45	610.62	623.24	25.77	1,129.68	853.00	73.82	1,139.22	1,317.85	1,344.28	9,859.82	460.44	10,320.26

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Anwaatin Inc.	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Building Owners & Managers Association	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Electric Vehicle Society	Energy Probe Research Foundation	Environmental Defence	Industrial Gas Users Association	London Property Management Association	Ontario Chamber of Commerce	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Costs	Total Costs
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	170.12	218.69	17.52	296.75	156.55	159.79	6.61	289.63	218.69	18.93	292.08	337.87	344.65	2,527.88	118.05	2,645.93
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	179.97	231.36	18.54	313.93	165.62	169.04	6.99	306.40	231.36	20.02	308.99	357.44	364.61	2,674.27	124.88	2,799.15
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	233.52	300.19	24.06	407.34	214.90	219.34	9.07	397.57	300.19	25.98	400.93	463.79	473.09	3,469.96	162.04	3,632.00
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	39.34	50.57	4.05	68.62	36.20	36.95	1.53	66.97	50.57	4.38	67.54	78.13	79.70	584.54	27.30	611.84
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	98.15	126.18	10.11	171.21	90.33	92.19	3.81	167.11	126.18	10.92	168.52	194.94	198.85	1,458.51	68.11	1,526.62
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	23.99	30.84	2.47	41.84	22.08	22.53	0.93	40.84	30.84	2.67	41.19	47.64	48.60	356.46	16.65	373.10
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	303.63	390.33	31.28	529.64	279.42	285.19	11.79	516.94	390.33	33.78	521.30	603.04	615.14	4,511.82	210.70	4,722.52
Orangeville Hydro Limited	51.64	66.39	5.32	90.09	47.53	48.51	2.01	87.92	66.39	5.75	88.67	102.57	104.63	767.40	35.84	803.23
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	242.68	311.97	25.00	423.32	223.33	227.94	9.42	413.16	311.97	27.00	416.65	481.98	491.65	3,606.08	168.40	3,774.48
Ottawa River Power Corporation	46.69	60.02	4.81	81.44	42.96	43.85	1.81	79.49	60.02	5.19	80.16	92.73	94.59	693.75	32.40	726.15
PUC Distribution Inc.	136.90	175.99	14.10	238.81	125.98	128.59	5.32	233.08	175.99	15.23	235.04	271.90	277.35	2,034.28	95.00	2,129.28
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	17.64	22.68	1.82	30.77	16.23	16.57	0.69	30.04	22.68	1.96	30.29	35.04	35.74	262.15	12.24	274.39
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	24.07	30.94	2.48	41.99	22.15	22.61	0.93	40.98	30.94	2.68	41.32	47.80	48.76	357.66	16.70	374.36

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Anwaatin Inc.	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Building Owners & Managers Association	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Electric Vehicle Society	Energy Probe Research Foundation	Environmental Defence	Industrial Gas Users Association	London Property Management Association	Ontario Chamber of Commerce	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Costs	Total Costs
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	11.74	15.09	1.21	20.48	10.80	11.03	0.46	19.99	15.09	1.31	20.16	23.32	23.78	174.44	8.15	182.59
Synergy North Corporation	230.20	295.93	23.71	401.56	211.85	216.22	8.94	391.92	295.93	25.61	395.23	457.21	466.38	3,420.70	159.74	3,580.44
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	32.07	41.23	3.30	55.95	29.52	30.13	1.25	54.61	41.23	3.57	55.07	63.70	64.98	476.60	22.26	498.85
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	3,176.10	4,082.98	327.18	5,540.27	2,922.82	2,983.23	123.34	5,407.35	4,082.98	353.36	5,453.02	6,308.05	6,434.56	47,195.25	2,203.95	49,399.20
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	58.57	75.29	6.03	102.16	53.90	55.01	2.27	99.71	75.29	6.52	100.56	116.32	118.66	870.30	40.64	910.94
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	99.56	127.98	10.26	173.66	91.62	93.51	3.87	169.50	127.98	11.08	170.93	197.73	201.69	1,479.35	69.08	1,548.43
Wellington North Power Inc.	15.94	20.49	1.64	27.80	14.66	14.97	0.62	27.13	20.49	1.77	27.36	31.65	32.28	236.80	11.06	247.86
Westario Power Inc.	97.83	125.77	10.08	170.66	90.03	91.89	3.80	166.56	125.77	10.88	167.97	194.31	198.20	1,453.76	67.89	1,521.65

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator																
Total (80%)	21,719.50	27,921.10	2,237.40	37,886.68	19,987.44	20,400.58	843.48	36,977.67	27,921.10	2,416.39	37,290.05	43,137.09	44,002.22	322,740.70	15,071.52	337,812.22

Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator																
B2M Limited Partnership	105.91	136.15	10.91	184.74	97.46	99.48	4.11	180.31	136.15	11.78	181.83	210.34	214.56	1,573.74	73.49	1,647.23
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	14.86	19.10	1.53	25.92	13.68	13.96	0.58	25.30	19.10	1.65	25.51	29.51	30.11	220.82	10.31	231.13

Five Nations Energy Inc.	25.51	32.80	2.63	44.51	23.48	23.96	0.99	43.44	32.80	2.84	43.80	50.67	51.69	379.12	17.70	396.83
Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie Inc. on behalf of Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP	118.96	152.93	12.25	207.51	109.48	111.74	4.62	202.54	152.93	13.24	204.25	236.27	241.01	1,767.73	82.55	1,850.28
Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership	27.62	35.51	2.85	48.18	25.42	25.95	1.07	47.03	35.51	3.07	47.43	54.86	55.96	410.46	19.17	429.63
Hydro One Networks Inc.	5,137.01	6,603.78	529.18	8,960.80	4,727.35	4,825.06	199.50	8,745.81	6,603.78	571.52	8,819.69	10,202.61	10,407.23	76,333.31	3564.65	79,897.96

Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator (20%)	5,429.88	6,980.27	559.35	9,471.67	4,996.86	5,100.15	210.87	9,244.42	6,980.27	604.10	9,322.51	10,784.27	11,000.56	80,685.18	3,767.88	84,453.06
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Grand Total	\$ 27,149.38	\$ 34,901.37	\$ 2,796.75	\$ 47,358.35	\$ 24,984.30	\$ 25,500.73	\$ 1,054.35	\$ 46,222.09	\$ 34,901.37	\$ 3,020.49	\$ 46,612.56	\$ 53,921.36	\$ 55,002.78	\$ 403,425.88	\$ 18,839.40	\$ 422,265.28
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Note: Total intervenor costs of \$18.44 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).