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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

February 28, 2023

OVERVIEW

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

On December 14, 2022, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards ([December 2022 Notice](#)) setting out the cost claim process for eligible participants in the OEB/IESO Joint Engagement on Distributed Energy Resources Integration Session on April 13, 2022.

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

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)

Probe, and 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 CME, CCC, Energy Probe, EVS, and SEC.

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

• CME	\$745.80
• CCC	\$745.80
• EVS	\$441.83
• Energy Probe	\$702.90
• SEC	\$745.80

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 Act are sent out, and payment will be due at the same time that cost assessments are due.

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.

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 February 28, 2023

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Electric Vehicle Society	Energy Probe Research Foundation	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	Total Costs
Alectra Utilities Corporation	135.85	135.85	80.48	128.04	135.85	616.07	616.07
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	13.81	13.81	8.18	13.02	13.81	62.63	62.63
Burlington Hydro Inc.	8.77	8.77	5.20	8.27	8.77	39.78	39.78
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	7.75	7.75	4.59	7.30	7.75	35.14	35.14
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	11.53	11.53	6.83	10.86	11.53	52.28	52.28
Elexicon Energy	21.68	21.68	12.84	20.43	21.68	98.31	98.31
Enova Power Corp	20.14	20.14	11.93	18.98	20.14	91.33	91.33
Hydro One Networks Inc.	180.75	180.75	107.07	170.36	180.75	819.68	819.68
Hydro Ottawa Limited	44.30	44.30	26.25	41.75	44.30	200.90	200.90
London Hydro Inc.	20.74	20.74	12.29	19.55	20.74	94.06	94.06
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	7.29	7.29	4.32	6.87	7.29	33.06	33.06
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	9.47	9.47	5.61	8.92	9.47	42.94	42.94
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	7.61	7.61	4.51	7.17	7.61	34.51	34.51

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Electric Vehicle Society	Energy Probe Research Foundation	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	Total Costs
Synergy North Corporation	7.28	7.28	4.31	6.86	7.28	33.01	33.01
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	99.67	99.67	59.05	93.94	99.67	452.00	452.00
Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator Total (80%)	596.64	596.64	353.46	562.32	596.64	2,705.70	2,705.70

Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Electric Vehicle Society	Energy Probe Research Foundation	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	Total Costs
Hydro One Networks Inc.	149.16	149.16	88.37	140.58	149.16	676.43	676.43
Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator (20%)	149.16	149.16	88.37	140.58	149.16	676.43	676.43
Grand Total	\$ 745.80	\$ 745.80	\$ 441.83	\$ 702.90	\$ 745.80	\$ 3,382.13	\$ 3,382.13

Note: The OEB typically applies a \$25 threshold. Costs apportioned to companies based on customer numbers or transmitter revenues that fall under this this threshold are re-allocated to companies that are invoiced an amount greater than \$25. In this case, total costs of \$364.68 have been re-allocated to the companies listed in Schedule A to eliminate charges under \$25.