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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2022-0267

Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements Consultation

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

March 28, 2023

OVERVIEW

On October 24, 2022, the OEB issued a [letter](#) to launch a consultation to engage stakeholders on the Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements (RRR) for Ontario's licensed electricity distributors. This consultation sought feedback from stakeholders on OEB staff's proposed RRR improvements and was a forum to discuss other potential changes to RRR that could help reduce regulatory burden. Feedback was received through a survey on the [RRR Consultation Engage With Us page](#) and through a virtual meeting held for interested stakeholders on November 23, 2022. The October 24, 2022 letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, and that costs would be recovered from all licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors.

The OEB issued a [Decision on Cost Eligibility](#) on November 23, 2022 that determined the following parties were eligible for cost awards:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Environmental Defence
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

On February 10, 2023, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in which it set out the process for cost claims. The Notice also stated that costs awarded would be in relation to participation in the stakeholder meeting plus time for preparation and reporting. The letter also requested that groups representing the same interests or class of persons should make every effort to communicate and coordinate their participation in the process. The letter also defined the maximum number of hours that could be claimed for each eligible activity.

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, BOMA, CCC, Environmental Defence, Pollution Probe and SEC. 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:

• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$1,305.16
• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$745.80
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$1,398.38
• Environmental Defence	\$653.14
• Pollution Probe	\$1,118.70
• School Energy Coalition	\$999.49

The OEB has apportioned the approved cost awards based on the number of customers among the rate-regulated electricity distributors.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each rate-regulated electricity distributor in relation to costs awarded to each Eligible Participant is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order. However, the amounts will not be paid directly by the rate-regulated electricity distributors 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 electricity 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 consultation. 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.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Each rate-regulated electricity distributor 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 March 28, 2023

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	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Building Owners & Managers Association	Consumer Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	Total Costs
Alectra Utilities Corporation	271.98	155.42	291.41	136.11	233.12	208.28	1,296.32	1,296.32
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	9.45	5.40	10.13	4.73	8.10	7.24	45.05	45.05
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	27.65	15.80	29.62	13.84	23.70	21.17	131.78	131.78
Burlington Hydro Inc.	17.56	10.03	18.81	8.79	15.05	13.45	83.69	83.69
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	7.61	4.35	8.15	3.81	6.52	5.83	36.27	36.27
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	15.52	8.87	16.62	7.76	13.30	11.88	73.95	73.95
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	23.07	13.19	24.72	11.55	19.78	17.67	109.98	109.98
ERTH Power Corporation	6.03	3.45	6.46	3.02	5.17	4.62	28.75	28.75
Essex Powerlines Corporation	7.85	4.49	8.41	3.93	6.73	6.01	37.42	37.42

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Building Owners & Managers Association	Consumer Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	Total Costs
Elexicon Energy	43.40	24.80	46.50	21.72	37.20	33.24	206.86	206.86
Enova Power Corp	40.33	23.04	43.21	20.18	34.56	30.88	192.20	192.20
Festival Hydro Inc.	5.55	3.17	5.94	2.78	4.75	4.25	26.44	26.44
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	12.26	7.00	13.13	6.13	10.51	9.39	58.42	58.42
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	5.78	3.30	6.19	2.89	4.95	4.43	27.54	27.54
Hydro One Networks Inc.	361.89	206.79	387.74	181.10	310.19	277.13	1,724.84	1,724.84
Hydro Ottawa Limited	88.70	50.68	95.03	44.39	76.03	67.92	422.75	422.75
Kingston Hydro Corporation	7.10	4.06	7.61	3.55	6.08	5.44	33.84	33.84
London Hydro Inc.	41.52	23.73	44.49	20.78	35.59	31.80	197.91	197.91
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	10.56	6.03	11.31	5.28	9.05	8.08	50.31	50.31
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	11.32	6.47	12.12	5.66	9.70	8.67	53.94	53.94

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Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	14.59	8.34	15.63	7.30	12.51	11.17	69.54	69.54
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	6.22	3.55	6.66	3.11	5.33	4.76	29.63	29.63
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	18.95	10.83	20.30	9.48	16.24	14.51	90.31	90.31
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	15.23	8.71	16.32	7.62	13.06	11.67	72.61	72.61
PUC Distribution Inc.	8.64	4.94	9.26	4.33	7.41	6.62	41.20	41.20
Synergy North Corporation	14.57	8.32	15.61	7.29	12.49	11.16	69.44	69.44
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	199.54	114.01	213.83	99.86	171.04	152.80	951.08	951.08
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	6.16	3.52	6.60	3.08	5.28	4.72	29.36	29.36
Westario Power Inc.	6.13	3.51	6.57	3.07	5.26	4.70	29.24	29.24
Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator Total	1,305.16	745.80	1,398.38	653.14	1,118.70	999.49	6,220.67	6,220.67

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Building Owners & Managers Association	Consumer Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	Total Costs
Grand Total	\$ 1,305.16	\$ 745.80	\$ 1,398.38	\$ 653.14	\$ 1,118.70	\$ 999.49	\$ 6,220.67	\$ 6,220.67

The OEB typically applies a \$25 threshold. Costs apportioned to companies based on customer numbers or transmitter revenues that fall under this threshold are re-allocated to companies that are invoiced an amount greater than \$25. In this case, total costs of \$246.90 have been re-allocated to the companies listed in Schedule A to eliminate charges under \$25.