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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2022-0079

Non-RPP Class B Pilot Program

By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson

Vice President, Consumer Protection &
Industry Performance

July 10, 2023

OVERVIEW

On July 13, 2022, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) (Invitation Letter) inviting interested parties to a stakeholder meeting on July 28, 2022 to discuss the development of a dynamic pricing pilot program for Non-RPP Class B consumers. Interested parties were also invited to submit written comments on the pilot program by September 1, 2022. The Invitation Letter indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), and recovered from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors based on customer numbers.

The OEB issued a [Decision on Cost Eligibility](#) on July 25, 2022 that determined the following participants were eligible to apply for cost awards (Eligible Participants):

- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Business of Canada (CCMBC)
- Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA)
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC)
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

On May 9, 2023, the OEB issued a [Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards](#) (the Notice) in relation to the following activities that took place between July 13, 2022, and September 1, 2022:

No.	Activity Eligible for Cost Awards	Date of the Meeting/Filing	Eligible	Maximum Number of Hours
1.	Stakeholder meeting (preparation, attendance, and reporting)	July 28, 2022	Meeting time x 1.5	3
2.	Written comments	August 25, 2022	6 Hours	6

The OEB received cost claims from CME, CCMBC, OAPPA, OCC, QMA and SEC. No objections to the cost award claims were received from rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed by CME, CCMBC, OAPPA, OCC, QMA and SEC to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that the cost claim from OCC, which includes costs related to submission of written comments, should be discounted since no written submission was received from OCC. The OEB approves cost awards for OCC in the amount of \$745.80 for Stakeholder meeting (preparation, attendance, and reporting) and denies OCC's claim for Written comments.

The OEB finds that all remaining cost 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:

• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$2,889.98
• Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Business of Canada	\$1,118.70
• Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators	\$3,356.10
• Ontario Chamber of Commerce	\$745.80
• Quinte Manufacturers Association	\$1,631.44
• School Energy Coalition	\$610.20

The OEB also approves an amount of \$170,000 for recovery from rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors 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 licensed electricity distributor in relation to costs awarded to each Eligible Participant is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order.

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 licensed 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 several 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 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 licensed 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 July 10, 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	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Coalition Concerned Manufacturers & Business of Canada	Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators	Ontario Chamber of Commerce	Quinte Manufacturers Association	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total Costs
Algoma Power Inc.	6.58	2.55	7.64	1.70	3.71	1.39	23.57	386.99	410.56
Alectra Utilities Corporation	575.55	222.79	668.38	148.53	324.91	121.52	2,061.68	33,856.37	35,918.05
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	0.87	0.34	1.01	0.22	0.49	0.18	3.11	51.24	54.35
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	19.92	7.71	23.13	5.14	11.24	4.21	71.35	1,171.59	1,242.94
Burlington Hydro Inc.	36.99	14.32	42.95	9.55	20.88	7.81	132.50	2,175.74	2,308.24
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	16.16	6.26	18.77	4.17	9.12	3.41	57.89	950.82	1,008.71
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	3.97	1.54	4.61	1.03	2.24	0.84	14.23	233.74	247.97
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	0.66	0.25	0.76	0.17	0.37	0.14	2.35	38.74	41.09

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EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	9.95	3.85	11.55	2.57	5.61	2.10	35.63	585.07	620.70
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	1.32	0.51	1.53	0.34	0.74	0.28	4.72	77.39	82.11
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	6.58	2.55	7.64	1.70	3.71	1.39	23.57	386.90	410.47
Ellexicon Energy Inc.	92.31	35.73	107.20	23.82	52.11	19.49	330.66	5,430.14	5,760.80
Enova Power Corp.	85.44	33.07	99.22	22.05	48.23	18.04	306.05	5,026.12	5,332.17
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	33.09	12.81	38.43	8.54	18.68	6.99	118.54	1,946.75	2,065.29
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	48.72	18.86	56.58	12.57	27.51	10.29	174.53	2,866.17	3,040.70
ERTH Power Corporation	12.90	4.99	14.98	3.33	7.28	2.72	46.20	758.86	805.06
Essex Powerlines Corporation	16.63	6.44	19.31	4.29	9.39	3.51	59.57	978.14	1,037.71
Festival Hydro Inc.	11.79	4.56	13.69	3.04	6.65	2.49	42.22	693.41	735.63
Fort Frances Power Corporation	2.01	0.78	2.34	0.52	1.14	0.42	7.21	118.34	125.55

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GrandBridge Energy Inc.	58.43	22.62	67.86	15.08	32.99	12.34	209.32	3,437.32	3,646.64
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	25.75	9.97	29.91	6.65	14.54	5.44	92.26	1,514.97	1,607.23
Grimsby Power Incorporated	6.39	2.47	7.42	1.65	3.61	1.35	22.89	375.66	398.55
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	12.23	4.74	14.21	3.16	6.91	2.58	43.83	719.68	763.51
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	3.00	1.16	3.48	0.77	1.69	0.63	10.73	176.49	187.22
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	1.46	0.57	1.70	0.38	0.82	0.31	5.24	85.93	91.17
Hydro 2000 Inc.	0.68	0.26	0.79	0.18	0.38	0.14	2.43	39.98	42.41
Hydro One Networks Inc.	774.82	299.94	899.79	199.93	437.41	163.58	2,775.47	45,576.37	48,351.84
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	2.35	0.91	2.72	0.61	1.32	0.50	8.41	138.00	146.41
Hydro Ottawa Limited	190.10	73.59	220.77	49.06	107.32	40.14	680.98	11,182.72	11,863.70
Innpower Corporation	10.60	4.10	12.31	2.74	5.98	2.24	37.97	623.62	661.59

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Kingston Hydro Corporation	15.06	5.83	17.49	3.89	8.50	3.18	53.95	886.03	939.98
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	5.79	2.24	6.72	1.49	3.27	1.22	20.73	340.44	361.17
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	7.63	2.95	8.86	1.97	4.31	1.61	27.33	448.81	476.14
London Hydro Inc.	88.32	34.19	102.56	22.79	49.86	18.65	316.37	5,195.11	5,511.48
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	22.64	8.76	26.29	5.84	12.78	4.78	81.09	1,331.93	1,413.02
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	23.95	9.27	27.82	6.18	13.52	5.06	85.80	1,409.06	1,494.86
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	31.08	12.03	36.09	8.02	17.55	6.56	111.33	1,828.31	1,939.64
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	5.24	2.03	6.08	1.35	2.96	1.11	18.77	307.99	326.76
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	14.87	5.75	17.26	3.84	8.39	3.14	53.25	874.45	927.70
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	3.19	1.24	3.71	0.82	1.80	0.67	11.43	187.82	199.25
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	40.41	15.64	46.93	10.43	22.81	8.53	144.75	2,377.26	2,522.01

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Orangeville Hydro Limited	6.87	2.66	7.98	1.77	3.88	1.45	24.61	404.34	428.95
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	32.30	12.50	37.51	8.34	18.23	6.82	115.70	1,900.03	2,015.73
Ottawa River Power Corporation	6.21	2.41	7.22	1.60	3.51	1.31	22.26	365.54	387.80
PUC Distribution Inc.	18.22	7.05	21.16	4.70	10.29	3.85	65.27	1,071.86	1,137.13
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	2.35	0.91	2.73	0.61	1.33	0.50	8.43	138.12	146.55
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	3.20	1.24	3.72	0.83	1.81	0.68	11.48	188.45	199.93
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	1.56	0.60	1.81	0.40	0.88	0.33	5.58	91.91	97.49
Synergy North Corporation	30.64	11.86	35.58	7.91	17.30	6.47	109.76	1,802.36	1,912.12
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	4.27	1.65	4.96	1.10	2.41	0.90	15.29	251.12	266.41
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	422.74	163.64	490.92	109.09	238.64	89.26	1,514.29	24,867.02	26,381.31
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	7.80	3.02	9.05	2.01	4.40	1.65	27.93	458.56	486.49

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Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	13.25	5.13	15.39	3.42	7.48	2.80	47.47	779.47	826.94
Wellington North Power Inc.	2.12	0.82	2.46	0.55	1.20	0.45	7.60	124.77	132.37
Westario Power Inc.	13.02	5.04	15.12	3.36	7.35	2.75	46.64	765.98	812.62
Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator Total	2,889.98	1,118.70	3,356.10	745.80	1,631.44	610.20	10,352.22	170,000.00	180,352.22
Grand Total	\$ 2,889.98	\$ 1,118.70	\$ 3,356.10	\$ 745.80	\$ 1,631.44	\$ 610.20	\$ 10,352.22	\$ 170,000.00	\$180,352.22

Note: Total intervenor costs of \$42.35 were reallocated to the companies listed in the Schedule A based on the Sec.26 Cost Assessment Model to eliminate charges under \$25. This option is in line with the Practice Direction on Cost Awards (section 12.02).