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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2022-0302

Regulatory Framework Workshop

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

September 21, 2023

OVERVIEW

On March 8, 2023, the OEB issued a [letter](#) (March letter) confirming that cost awards for participating in the Regulatory Framework Workshop (RFW) held on April 19, 2023 would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act) and that costs would be recovered as follows:

- 33.34% from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors
- 33.33% from all rate-regulated gas distributors
- 33.33% from all rate-regulated licensed electricity transmitters

The March letter also confirmed that the following organizations are eligible for an award of costs in relation to cost-eligible activities:

- Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin)
- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Chiefs of Ontario (CO)
- Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation (CKSPFN)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Electric Vehicle Society (EVS)
- Environmental Defence (ED)
- Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Green Energy Coalition (GEC)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC)
- Pollution Probe (PP)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On July 24, 2023, the OEB issued a [Notice of Hearing on Cost Awards](#) setting out the cost claims process for the following cost-eligible activities:

1. Preparation, participation, and reporting on the RFW – Maximum of up to four hours
2. Written comments relating to the RFW – Maximum of up to two hours

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, CME, CCC, ED, FRPO, GEC, IGUA, PP, and SEC. Anwaatin, BOMA, CO, CKSPFN, Energy Probe, EVS, LPMA, OCC and VECC did not file a cost claim. 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	\$1,025.48
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$2,237.40
• Consumer Council of Canada	\$1,491.60
• Environmental Defence.	\$1,802.35
• Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$1,864.50
• Green Energy Coalition	\$2,237.40
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$1,025.48
• Pollution Probe	\$2,237.40
• School Energy Coalition	\$1,491.60

The OEB also approves an amount of \$145,036.00 for recovery of the OEB's costs incidental to this consultation from rate-regulated electricity distributors, natural gas distributors and electricity transmitters (collectively, rate-regulated utilities).

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. However, the amounts will not be paid directly by either 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 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 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 OEB Act are sent out, and payment will be due at the same time that cost

assessments are due. The OEB makes payment to each eligible participant once 80% of the costs have been recovered by the OEB.

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 listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order will receive an invoice from the OEB that includes the total costs set out in Schedule A.

DATED at Toronto September 21, 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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Gas Distributor, Transmitter, Storage Company	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	Green Energy Coalition	Industrial Gas Users Association	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total Cost
Enbridge Gas Inc	\$340.68	\$743.30	\$495.53	\$598.76	\$619.42	\$743.30	\$340.68	\$743.30	\$495.53	\$ 5,120.49	\$48,183.00	\$53,303.49
EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership	\$1.11	\$2.43	\$1.62	\$1.96	\$2.02	\$2.43	\$1.11	\$2.43	\$1.62	\$16.73	\$157.50	\$174.23
Gas Distribution Total (33.33%)	\$341.79	\$745.73	\$497.15	\$600.72	\$621.44	\$745.73	\$341.79	\$745.73	\$497.15	\$5,137.22	\$48,340.50	\$53,477.72

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	Green Energy Coalition	Industrial Gas Users Association	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total Cost
Algoma Power Inc.	\$0.78	\$1.70	\$1.13	\$1.37	\$42	\$1.70	\$0.78	\$1.70	\$1.13	\$11.71	\$110.21	\$121.92
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$68.17	\$148.74	\$99.16	\$119.82	\$123.95	\$148.74	\$68.17	\$148.74	\$99.16	\$1,024.65	\$ 9,641.91	\$10,666.56
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$2.36	\$5.15	\$3.43	\$4.15	\$4.29	\$5.15	\$2.36	\$5.15	\$3.43	\$35.47	\$333.65	\$369.12
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$4.38	\$9.56	\$6.37	\$7.70	\$7.97	\$9.56	\$4.38	\$9.56	\$6.37	\$65.85	\$619.63	\$685.48
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$1.91	\$4.18	\$2.78	\$3.37	\$3.48	\$4.18	\$1.91	\$4.18	\$2.78	\$28.77	\$270.78	\$299.55
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$0.47	\$1.03	\$0.68	\$0.83	\$0.86	\$1.03	\$0.47	\$1.03	\$0.68	\$7.08	\$66.57	\$73.65
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$ 0.78	1.70	\$1.13	\$1.37	\$1.42	\$1.70	\$0.78	\$1.70	\$1.13	\$11.71	\$110.18	\$121.89
Elexicon Energy Inc.	\$10.93	\$23.86	\$15.90	\$19.22	\$19.88	\$23.86	\$10.93	\$23.86	\$15.90	\$164.34	\$1,546.44	\$1,710.78
Enova Power Corp.	\$10.12	\$22.08	\$14.72	\$17.79	\$18.40	\$22.08	\$10.12	\$22.08	\$14.72	\$152.11	\$1,431.38	\$1,583.49
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$3.92	\$8.55	\$5.70	\$6.89	\$7.13	\$8.55	\$3.92	\$8.55	\$5.70	\$58.91	\$554.41	\$613.32
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$5.77	\$12.59	\$8.39	\$10.14	\$10.49	\$12.59	\$5.77	\$12.59	\$8.39	\$86.72	\$816.25	\$902.97
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	\$1.18	\$2.57	\$1.71	\$2.07	\$2.14	\$2.57	\$1.18	\$2.57	\$1.71	\$17.70	\$166.62	\$184.32
ERTH Power Corporation	\$1.53	\$3.33	\$2.22	\$2.69	\$2.78	\$3.33	\$1.53	\$3.33	\$2.22	\$22.96	\$216.11	\$239.07
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$1.97	\$4.30	\$2.86	\$3.46	\$3.58	\$4.30	\$1.97	\$4.30	\$2.86	\$29.60	\$278.56	\$308.16
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$1.40	\$3.05	\$2.03	\$2.45	\$2.54	\$3.05	\$1.40	\$3.05	\$2.03	\$21.00	\$197.47	\$218.47
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$0.24	\$0.52	\$0.35	\$0.42	\$0.43	\$0.52	\$0.24	\$0.52	\$0.35	\$3.59	\$33.70	\$37.29
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	\$6.92	\$15.10	\$10.07	\$12.16	\$12.58	\$15.10	\$6.92	\$15.10	\$10.07	\$104.02	\$978.91	\$1,082.93
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$3.05	\$6.66	\$4.44	\$5.36	\$5.55	\$6.66	\$3.05	\$6.66	\$4.44	\$45.87	\$431.45	\$477.32

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	Green Energy Coalition	Industrial Gas Users Association	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total Cost
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$0.76	\$1.65	\$1.10	\$1.33	\$1.38	\$1.65	\$0.76	\$1.65	\$1.10	\$11.38	\$106.98	\$118.36
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$1.45	\$3.16	\$2.11	\$2.55	\$2.63	\$3.16	\$1.45	\$3.16	\$2.11	\$21.78	\$204.96	\$226.74
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$0.36	\$0.78	\$0.52	\$0.62	\$0.65	\$0.78	\$0.36	\$0.78	\$0.52	\$5.37	\$50.26	\$55.63
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$0.17	\$0.38	\$0.25	\$0.30	\$ 0.31	\$0.38	\$0.17	\$0.38	\$0.25	\$2.59	\$24.47	\$27.06
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$91.76	\$200.20	\$133.54	\$161.30	\$166.84	\$200.20	\$91.76	\$200.20	\$133.54	\$1,379.36	\$12,979.65	\$14,359.01
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	\$0.28	\$0.61	\$0.40	\$0.49	\$0.51	\$0.61	\$0.28	\$0.61	\$0.40	\$4.19	\$39.30	\$43.49
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$22.52	\$49.13	\$32.75	\$39.58	\$40.94	\$49.13	\$22.52	\$49.13	\$32.75	\$38.45	\$3,184.71	\$3,523.16
Innpower Corporation	\$1.26	\$2.74	\$1.83	\$ 2.21	\$2.28	\$2.74	\$1.26	\$2.74	\$1.83	\$18.89	\$177.60	\$196.49
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$1.78	\$3.89	\$2.60	\$3.14	\$3.24	\$3.89	\$1.78	\$3.89	\$2.60	\$26.81	\$252.33	\$279.14
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$0.69	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.20	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$ 0.69	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$10.33	\$96.95	\$107.28
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$0.90	\$1.97	\$1.31	\$1.59	\$1.64	\$1.97	\$0.90	\$1.97	\$1.31	\$13.56	\$127.82	\$141.38
London Hydro Inc.	\$10.46	\$22.82	\$15.22	\$18.39	\$19.02	\$22.82	\$10.46	\$22.82	\$15.22	\$157.23	\$1,479.51	\$1,636.74
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$2.68	\$5.85	\$3.90	\$ 4.71	\$4.88	\$5.85	\$2.68	\$5.85	\$3.90	\$40.30	\$379.32	\$419.62
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$2.84	\$6.19	\$4.13	\$4.99	\$5.16	\$6.19	\$2.84	\$6.19	\$4.13	\$42.66	\$401.29	\$443.95
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$3.68	\$8.03	\$5.35	\$6.47	\$6.69	\$8.03	\$3.68	\$8.03	\$5.35	\$55.31	\$520.68	\$575.99
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$0.62	\$1.35	\$0.90	\$1.09	\$1.13	\$1.35	\$0.62	\$1.35	\$0.90	\$9.31	\$87.71	\$97.02
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$1.76	\$ 3.84	\$ 2.56	\$3.09	\$3.20	\$3.84	\$1.76	\$3.84	\$2.56	\$26.45	\$249.03	\$275.48
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$0.38	\$0.83	\$0.55	\$0.66	\$ 0.69	\$0.83	\$0.38	\$0.83	\$0.55	\$5.70	\$53.49	\$59.19
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$4.79	\$10.44	\$6.96	\$8.41	\$8.70	\$10.44	\$4.79	\$10.44	\$6.96	\$71.93	\$677.02	\$748.95
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$0.81	\$ 1.78	\$1.18	\$1.43	\$1.48	\$1.78	\$0.81	\$1.78	\$1.18	\$12.23	\$115.15	\$127.38
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$3.83	\$8.35	\$5.56	\$6.72	\$6.96	\$8.35	\$3.83	\$8.35	\$ 5.56	\$57.51	\$541.11	\$598.62
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$0.74	\$1.61	\$1.07	\$1.29	\$1.34	\$1.61	\$0.74	\$1.61	\$1.07	\$11.08	\$104.10	\$115.18
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$2.16	\$4.71	\$3.14	\$3.79	\$3.92	\$4.71	\$2.16	\$4.71	\$3.14	\$32.44	\$305.25	\$337.69
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$0.28	\$0.61	\$0.40	\$0.49	\$0.51	\$0.61	\$0.28	\$0.61	\$0.40	\$4.19	\$39.34	\$43.53
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$0.38	\$0.83	\$0.55	\$0.67	\$0.69	\$0.83	\$0.38	\$0.83	\$0.55	\$ 5.71	\$53.67	\$59.38
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$0.19	\$0.40	\$0.27	\$0.33	\$0.34	\$0.40	\$0.19	\$0.40	\$0.27	\$2.79	\$26.18	\$28.97
Synergy North Corporation	\$3.63	\$7.92	\$5.28	\$6.38	\$6.60	\$7.92	\$3.63	\$7.92	\$5.28	\$54.56	\$513.29	\$567.85
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$0.51	\$1.10	\$0.74	\$0.89	\$0.92	\$1.10	\$0.51	\$1.10	\$0.74	\$7.61	\$71.52	\$79.13
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$50.07	\$109.25	\$72.83	\$88.01	\$91.04	\$109.25	\$50.07	\$109.25	\$72.83	\$752.60	\$7,081.84	\$7,834.44
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$0.92	\$2.01	\$1.34	\$1.62	\$1.68	\$2.01	\$0.92	\$2.01	\$1.34	\$13.85	\$130.59	\$144.44
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$1.57	\$3.42	\$2.28	\$2.76	\$2.85	\$3.42	\$1.57	\$3.42	\$2.28	\$23.57	\$221.98	\$245.55
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$0.25	\$0.55	\$0.37	\$0.44	\$0.46	\$0.55	\$0.25	\$0.55	\$0.37	\$3.79	\$35.53	\$39.32
Westario Power Inc.	\$1.54	\$3.37	\$2.24	\$2.71	\$2.80	\$3.37	\$1.54	\$3.37	\$2.24	\$23.18	\$218.14	\$241.32
Electricity Distribution Total (33.34%)	\$341.90	\$745.94	\$497.30	\$600.91	\$621.62	\$745.94	\$341.90	\$745.94	\$497.30	\$5,138.77	\$48,355.00	\$53,493.77

Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	Green Energy Coalition	Industrial Gas Users Association	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total Cost
B2M Limited Partnership	\$6.29	\$13.72	\$9.15	\$11.05	\$11.43	\$13.72	\$6.29	\$13.72	\$9.15	\$94.52	\$889.41	\$983.93
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$0.89	\$1.94	\$1.29	\$1.56	\$1.61	\$1.94	\$0.89	\$1.94	\$1.29	\$13.35	\$125.62	\$138.97
Five Nations Energy Inc.	\$1.53	\$3.33	\$2.22	\$2.68	\$2.77	\$3.33	\$1.53	\$3.33	\$2.22	\$22.94	\$215.75	\$238.69
Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie Inc. on behalf of Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP	\$8.35	\$18.22	\$12.15	\$14.68	\$15.19	\$18.22	\$8.35	\$18.22	\$12.15	\$125.53	\$1,181.21	\$1,306.74
Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership	\$1.56	\$3.40	\$2.26	\$2.74	\$2.83	\$3.40	\$1.56	\$3.40	\$2.26	\$23.41	\$ 220.10	\$243.51
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$323.17	\$705.12	\$470.08	\$568.01	\$587.61	\$705.12	\$323.17	\$705.12	\$470.08	\$4,857.47	\$45,708.41	\$50,565.88
Electricity Transmission Total (33.33%)	\$341.79	\$745.73	\$497.15	\$600.72	\$621.44	\$745.73	\$341.79	\$745.73	\$497.15	\$5,137.22	\$48,340.50	\$53,477.72
Grand Total	\$1,025.48	\$ 2,237.40	\$ 1,491.60	\$1,802.35	\$1,864.50	\$2,237.40	\$1,025.48	\$2,237.40	\$1,491.60	\$15,413.21	\$145,036.00	\$160,449.21

Note: Total intervenor costs of \$77.81 were reallocated to the companies listed in 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).

Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$16.10
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$5.18
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$12.19
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$24.36
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$3.05
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$12.60
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$4.33
Total	\$77.81