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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0307

Reliability and Power Quality Review

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

August 16, 2024

OVERVIEW

On November 30, 2021, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a letter launching a comprehensive review of reliability and power quality (RPQR) in the Ontario electricity sector. The November 30 letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) to eligible participants.

The OEB issued another letter on June 28, 2022 that announced the establishment of the RPQR working group (RPQR WG) and its membership. The letter indicated that cost awards will be recovered from licensed electricity distributors and licensed electricity transmitters. The letter also determined the following participants in this consultation process were eligible to apply for an award of costs:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

On June 20, 2024, the OEB issued a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in which it set out the process for cost claims in relation to the following eligible activities:

- Participation in the RPQR WG meetings for the period from June 27, 2023, to June 12, 2024.
- Participation in the RPQR Transmission subgroup meeting for the period of September 28, 2023, to June 18, 2024

The OEB received cost claims from Anwaatin, AMPCO, BOMA, and SEC. No objections were received from licensed electricity distributors or transmitters.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed by Anwaatin, AMPCO, BOMA, and SEC to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The OEB has corrected an error in the Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards issued on June 20, 2024. The maximum eligible hours for RPQR WG meeting No.18 should be nine hours.

The cost claims submitted by Anwaatin, AMPCO, BOMA, and SEC are approved.

The OEB approves cost awards as follows:

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| • | Anwaatin | \$20,790.00 |
| • | AMPCO | \$26,103.04 |
| • | BOMA | \$28,526.86 |
| • | SEC | \$23,086.47 |

This Decision and Order is in relation to activities undertaken in Phase 2 of the RPQR WG and the Transmission Subgroup. The RQPR WG successfully completed Phase 2 with the implementation of voluntary feeder-level reliability reporting and the issuance of a guide addressing electricity distribution power quality issues. The Transmission Subgroup was established to review the policy framework related to the current customer-specific reliability standards – called “customer delivery point performance standards” – that apply to electricity transmitters.

The OEB has determined that all costs awarded are to be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors and transmitters. Based on the time dedicated to working group meetings, 83% of the total costs will be recovered from licensed electricity distributors, and 17% of the costs will be recovered from licensed electricity transmitters. Within the distributor and transmitter classes, costs awarded will be apportioned in accordance with the OEB’s cost assessment model.

The OEB also approves an amount of \$63,105 for recovery from licensed electricity distributors associated with the OEB’s costs of and incidental to this consultation in relation to distribution related reliability matters.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each licensed electricity distributor and licensed electricity transmitter in relation to approved costs is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order. The amounts will not be paid directly by the distributor or transmitter 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 distributor and transmitter 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 payment shall be due at the same time as all other cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Each licensed electricity distributor and licensed electricity transmitter 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.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, each electricity distributor shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto August 16, 2024

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 | Anwaatin Inc. | Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario | Building Owners & Managers Association | School Energy Coalition | Cost Awards | OEB Costs | Total |
|---|---------------|---|--|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Alectra Utilities Corporation | \$3,419.17 | \$4,292.96 | \$4,691.58 | \$3,796.85 | \$16,200.56 | \$12,504.07 | \$28,704.63 |
| Algoma Power Inc. | \$39.17 | \$49.18 | \$53.74 | \$43.49 | \$185.58 | \$143.24 | \$328.82 |
| Atikokan Hydro Inc. | \$5.14 | \$6.46 | \$7.06 | \$5.71 | \$24.37 | \$18.80 | \$43.17 |
| Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation | \$118.53 | \$148.83 | \$162.65 | \$131.63 | \$561.64 | \$433.49 | \$995.13 |
| Burlington Hydro Inc. | \$218.77 | \$274.67 | \$300.18 | \$242.93 | \$1,036.55 | \$800.04 | \$1,836.59 |
| Canadian Niagara Power Inc. | \$96.66 | \$121.36 | \$132.63 | \$107.33 | \$457.98 | \$353.48 | \$811.46 |
| Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. | \$23.69 | \$29.74 | \$32.51 | \$26.31 | \$112.25 | \$86.64 | \$198.89 |
| Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation | \$3.89 | \$4.88 | \$5.33 | \$4.32 | \$18.42 | \$14.22 | \$32.64 |
| Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. | \$8.18 | \$10.27 | \$11.22 | \$9.08 | \$38.75 | \$29.91 | \$68.66 |
| Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Limited | \$81.29 | \$102.07 | \$111.55 | \$90.27 | \$385.18 | \$297.30 | \$682.48 |
| E.L.K. Energy Inc. | \$39.47 | \$49.56 | \$54.16 | \$43.83 | \$187.02 | \$144.35 | \$331.37 |
| Ellexicon Energy Inc. | \$553.12 | \$694.48 | \$758.96 | \$614.22 | \$2,620.78 | \$2,022.80 | \$4,643.58 |
| Enova Power Corp. | \$509.72 | \$639.98 | \$699.41 | \$566.02 | \$2,415.13 | \$1,864.07 | \$4,279.20 |
| Entegrus Powerlines Inc. | \$198.32 | \$249.00 | \$272.12 | \$220.23 | \$939.67 | \$725.27 | \$1,664.94 |
| Enwin Utilities Ltd. | \$289.43 | \$363.40 | \$397.14 | \$321.40 | \$1,371.37 | \$1,058.46 | \$2,429.83 |
| EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc. | \$59.40 | \$74.57 | \$81.50 | \$65.96 | \$281.43 | \$217.21 | \$498.64 |
| ERTH Power Corporation | \$77.45 | \$97.25 | \$106.27 | \$86.01 | \$366.98 | \$283.25 | \$650.23 |
| Essex Powerlines Corporation | \$98.89 | \$124.16 | \$135.69 | \$109.81 | \$468.55 | \$361.64 | \$830.19 |
| Festival Hydro Inc. | \$70.54 | \$88.57 | \$96.80 | \$78.34 | \$334.25 | \$257.98 | \$592.23 |
| Fort Frances Power Corporation | \$11.89 | \$14.93 | \$16.32 | \$13.20 | \$56.34 | \$43.49 | \$99.83 |
| GrandBridge Energy Inc. | \$352.68 | \$442.82 | \$483.93 | \$391.64 | \$1,671.07 | \$1,289.79 | \$2,960.86 |
| Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. | \$152.33 | \$191.26 | \$209.02 | \$169.16 | \$721.77 | \$557.08 | \$1,278.85 |
| Grimsby Power Incorporated | \$37.70 | \$47.33 | \$51.73 | \$41.86 | \$178.62 | \$137.87 | \$316.49 |
| Halton Hills Hydro Inc. | \$72.76 | \$91.35 | \$99.83 | \$80.79 | \$344.73 | \$266.08 | \$610.81 |
| Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited | \$8.64 | \$10.85 | \$11.85 | \$9.59 | \$40.93 | \$31.59 | \$72.52 |

| Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator | Anwaatin Inc. | Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario | Building Owners & Managers Association | School Energy Coalition | Cost Awards | OEB Costs | Total |
|--|---------------|---|--|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Hydro 2000 Inc. | \$4.03 | \$5.06 | \$5.53 | \$4.47 | \$19.09 | \$14.73 | \$33.82 |
| Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. | \$17.87 | \$22.44 | \$24.52 | \$19.85 | \$84.68 | \$65.36 | \$150.04 |
| Hydro One Networks Inc. | \$4,573.82 | \$5,742.70 | \$6,275.94 | \$5,079.05 | \$21,671.51 | \$16,726.69 | \$38,398.20 |
| Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. | \$13.97 | \$17.54 | \$19.17 | \$15.51 | \$66.19 | \$51.09 | \$117.28 |
| Hydro Ottawa Limited | \$1,139.90 | \$1,431.21 | \$1,564.10 | \$1,265.81 | \$5,401.02 | \$4,168.66 | \$9,569.68 |
| Innpower Corporation | \$65.15 | \$81.80 | \$89.40 | \$72.35 | \$308.70 | \$238.26 | \$546.96 |
| Kingston Hydro Corporation | \$88.90 | \$111.63 | \$121.99 | \$98.73 | \$421.25 | \$325.13 | \$746.38 |
| Lakefront Utilities Inc. | \$34.41 | \$43.21 | \$47.22 | \$38.21 | \$163.05 | \$125.85 | \$288.90 |
| Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. | \$45.58 | \$57.23 | \$62.54 | \$50.61 | \$215.96 | \$166.69 | \$382.65 |
| London Hydro Inc. | \$527.37 | \$662.14 | \$723.63 | \$585.62 | \$2,498.76 | \$1,928.61 | \$4,427.37 |
| Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. | \$135.41 | \$170.01 | \$185.80 | \$150.37 | \$641.59 | \$495.20 | \$1,136.79 |
| Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd. | \$142.27 | \$178.63 | \$195.22 | \$157.99 | \$674.11 | \$520.30 | \$1,194.41 |
| Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. | \$184.92 | \$232.17 | \$253.73 | \$205.34 | \$876.16 | \$676.25 | \$1,552.41 |
| Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc. | \$31.18 | \$39.14 | \$42.78 | \$34.62 | \$147.72 | \$114.01 | \$261.73 |
| North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited | \$87.91 | \$110.37 | \$120.62 | \$97.62 | \$416.52 | \$321.48 | \$738.00 |
| Northern Ontario Wires Inc. | \$18.87 | \$23.69 | \$25.89 | \$20.95 | \$89.40 | \$69.01 | \$158.41 |
| Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. | \$241.01 | \$302.61 | \$330.70 | \$267.64 | \$1,141.96 | \$881.40 | \$2,023.36 |
| Orangeville Hydro Limited | \$40.80 | \$51.23 | \$55.98 | \$45.31 | \$193.32 | \$149.21 | \$342.53 |
| Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. | \$193.23 | \$242.61 | \$265.14 | \$214.57 | \$915.55 | \$706.65 | \$1,622.20 |
| Ottawa River Power Corporation | \$36.96 | \$46.41 | \$50.72 | \$41.05 | \$175.14 | \$135.18 | \$310.32 |
| PUC Distribution Inc. | \$107.79 | \$135.34 | \$147.90 | \$119.70 | \$510.73 | \$394.19 | \$904.92 |
| Renfrew Hydro Inc. | \$13.92 | \$17.48 | \$19.11 | \$15.46 | \$65.97 | \$50.92 | \$116.89 |
| Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. | \$18.99 | \$23.85 | \$26.06 | \$21.09 | \$89.99 | \$69.46 | \$159.45 |
| Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. | \$9.26 | \$11.62 | \$12.70 | \$10.28 | \$43.86 | \$33.86 | \$77.72 |
| Synergy North Corporation | \$181.32 | \$227.65 | \$248.79 | \$201.34 | \$859.10 | \$663.08 | \$1,522.18 |
| Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. | \$26.01 | \$32.66 | \$35.69 | \$28.88 | \$123.24 | \$95.12 | \$218.36 |
| Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited | \$2,510.75 | \$3,152.37 | \$3,445.12 | \$2,788.11 | \$11,896.35 | \$9,181.93 | \$21,078.28 |
| Wasaga Distribution Inc. | \$47.21 | \$59.27 | \$64.77 | \$52.42 | \$223.67 | \$172.63 | \$396.30 |

| Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator | Anwaatin Inc. | Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario | Building Owners & Managers Association | School Energy Coalition | Cost Awards | OEB Costs | Total |
|---|---------------|---|--|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. | \$79.60 | \$99.94 | \$109.23 | \$88.39 | \$377.16 | \$291.11 | \$668.27 |
| Wellington North Power Inc. | \$12.87 | \$16.16 | \$17.66 | \$14.29 | \$60.98 | \$47.08 | \$108.06 |
| Westario Power Inc. | \$77.59 | \$97.42 | \$106.46 | \$86.16 | \$367.63 | \$283.74 | \$651.37 |
| Electricity Distribution Total (83% - related to Cost Awards) | \$17,255.70 | \$21,665.52 | \$23,677.29 | \$19,161.77 | \$81,760.28 | \$63,105.00 | \$144,865.28 |

| Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator | Anwaatin Inc. | Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario | Building Owners & Managers Association | School Energy Coalition | Cost Awards | OEB Costs Billed only to Electricity Distributors | Total |
|--|---------------|---|--|-------------------------|-------------|---|--------------|
| B2M Limited Partnership | \$59.71 | \$74.97 | \$81.93 | \$66.30 | \$282.91 | \$0.00 | \$282.91 |
| Canadian Niagara Power Inc. | \$8.43 | \$10.58 | \$11.57 | \$9.36 | \$39.94 | \$0.00 | \$39.94 |
| Five Nations Energy Inc. | \$14.22 | \$17.86 | \$19.52 | \$15.79 | \$67.39 | \$0.00 | \$67.39 |
| Hydro One Networks Inc. | \$3,308.65 | \$4,154.21 | \$4,539.94 | \$3,674.14 | \$15,676.94 | \$0.00 | \$15,676.94 |
| Hydro One Sault Ste Marie Inc. on behalf of Hydro One Sault Ste Marie LP | \$77.11 | \$96.81 | \$105.80 | \$85.62 | \$365.34 | \$0.00 | \$365.34 |
| Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership | \$14.35 | \$18.01 | \$19.69 | \$15.93 | \$67.98 | \$0.00 | \$67.98 |
| Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc. | \$51.83 | \$65.08 | \$71.12 | \$57.56 | \$245.59 | \$0.00 | \$245.59 |
| Electricity Transmission Total (17% - related to Cost Awards) | \$3,534.30 | \$4,437.52 | \$4,849.57 | \$3,924.70 | \$16,746.09 | \$0.00 | \$16,746.09 |
| Grand Total | \$20,790.00 | \$26,103.04 | \$28,526.86 | \$23,086.47 | \$98,506.37 | \$63,105.00 | \$161,611.37 |

Note: Total intervenor costs of \$34.13 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).

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| Attawapiskat Power Corp. | \$14.05 |
| Fort Albany Power Corporation | \$8.38 |
| Kashechewan Power Corporation | \$11.70 |
| Total | \$34.13 |