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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2023-0278

CONSULTATION ON POLICY FOR STANDBY RATES

BY DELEGATION BEFORE: **Theodore Antonopoulos**
Vice President
Major Applications

May 27, 2024

OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board issued a [letter](#) on September 28, 2024 inviting stakeholders to an initial meeting to solicit input regarding current practices with respect to standby rates and to discuss options moving forward. The scope of the consultation was limited to distribution rates for standby service for customer owned load displacement generation.

The letter indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for participation in the group meetings and that costs awarded would be recovered from all licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors. Eligible activities and the maximum number of hours were also outlined in the same letter.

On March 28, 2024 the OEB issued a [letter](#) setting out its approach to standby rates and approved the following participants eligible for an award of costs:

- Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario (AMPCO)
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada (CCMBC)
- Environmental Defense (ED)
- Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH)
- Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

The letter set out the cost award process for participants to file their cost claims by April 11, 2024. No objections to the cost claims were received from the electricity distributors.

NHH included an additional 4.2 hours of claimed time to prepare for a presentation at the stakeholder meeting to provide a load displacement generation customer perspective. NHH requests that this additional time be approved as part of its overall cost claim.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

NHH's additional claimed time of 4.2 hours is approved. The presentation provided useful information to the OEB and appreciates NHH's incremental effort to prepare and present at the stakeholder meeting. The OEB also finds that the remaining cost claims filed are reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards.

The OEB approves cost awards for the eligible participants as follows:

• AMPCO	\$1,491.60
• CCMBC	\$1,678.05
• ED	\$819.25
• NHH	\$1,305.00
• OAPPA	\$1,491.60
• VECC	\$1,029.01

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each 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 electricity distributor to the eligible participant. 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 award whereby the OEB will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards. Consistent with this process, each 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 OEB makes payment to each eligible participant once 80% of the costs have been recovered by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Each distributor 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. The payment shall be due at the same time as all other cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act.
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 May 27, 2024

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President, Major Applications

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Coalition Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada	Environmental Defence Canada Inc.	Northumberland Hills Hospital	Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$306.77	\$306.77	\$168.49	\$517.77	\$306.77	\$211.63	\$1,818.20
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$10.64	\$10.64	\$5.84	\$17.95	\$10.64	\$7.34	\$63.05
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$19.63	\$19.63	\$10.78	\$33.13	\$19.63	\$13.54	\$116.34
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$8.67	\$8.67	\$4.76	\$14.64	\$8.67	\$5.98	\$51.39
Ellexicon Energy Inc.	\$49.63	\$49.63	\$27.26	\$83.76	\$49.63	\$34.24	\$294.15
Enova Power Corp.	\$45.73	\$45.73	\$25.12	\$77.19	\$45.73	\$31.55	\$271.05
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$17.79	\$17.79	\$9.77	\$30.03	\$17.79	\$12.28	\$105.45
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$25.97	\$25.97	\$14.26	\$43.83	\$25.97	\$17.91	\$153.91
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	\$5.33	\$5.33	\$2.93	\$8.99	\$5.33	\$3.68	\$31.59
ERTH Power Corporation	\$6.95	\$6.95	\$3.82	\$11.73	\$6.95	\$4.79	\$41.19
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$8.87	\$8.87	\$4.87	\$14.97	\$8.87	\$6.12	\$52.57
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$6.33	\$6.33	\$3.48	\$10.68	\$6.33	\$4.37	\$37.52

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GrandBridge Energy Inc.	\$31.64	\$31.64	\$17.38	\$53.41	\$31.64	\$21.83	\$187.54
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$13.67	\$13.67	\$7.51	\$23.07	\$13.67	\$9.43	\$81.02
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$6.53	\$6.53	\$3.59	\$11.02	\$6.53	\$4.50	\$38.70
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$410.37	\$410.37	\$225.39	\$692.62	\$410.37	\$283.10	\$2,432.22
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$102.27	\$102.27	\$56.17	\$172.62	\$102.27	\$70.56	\$606.16
Innpower Corporation	\$5.85	\$5.85	\$3.21	\$9.87	\$5.85	\$4.03	\$34.66
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$7.98	\$7.98	\$4.38	\$13.46	\$7.98	\$5.50	\$47.28
London Hydro Inc.	\$47.32	\$47.32	\$25.99	\$79.86	\$47.32	\$32.64	\$280.45
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$12.15	\$12.15	\$6.67	\$20.51	\$12.15	\$8.38	\$72.01
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$12.76	\$12.76	\$7.01	\$21.54	\$12.76	\$8.81	\$75.64
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$16.59	\$16.59	\$9.11	\$28.00	\$16.59	\$11.45	\$98.33
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$7.89	\$7.89	\$4.33	\$13.31	\$7.89	\$5.44	\$46.75

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Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$21.62	\$21.62	\$11.88	\$36.50	\$21.62	\$14.92	\$128.16
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$17.34	\$17.34	\$9.52	\$29.26	\$17.34	\$11.96	\$102.76
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$9.67	\$9.67	\$5.31	\$16.32	\$9.67	\$6.67	\$57.31
Synergy North Corporation	\$16.27	\$16.27	\$8.94	\$27.46	\$16.27	\$11.22	\$96.43
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$225.27	\$225.27	\$123.74	\$380.19	\$225.27	\$155.41	\$1,335.15
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$7.14	\$7.14	\$3.92	\$12.05	\$7.14	\$4.93	\$42.32
Westario Power Inc.	\$6.96	\$6.96	\$3.82	\$11.75	\$6.96	\$4.80	\$41.25
Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator Total	\$1,491.60	\$1,491.60	\$819.25	\$2,517.49	\$1,491.60	\$1,029.01	\$8,840.55
Grand Total	\$1,491.60	\$1,491.60	\$819.25	\$2,517.49	\$1,491.60	\$1,029.01	\$8,840.55

Note: Participant costs totaling \$283.60 were reallocated from certain distributors that are liable to pay cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act to the distributors listed in Schedule A to avoid any distributor paying costs that are less than \$25 in the aggregate for this consultation. This approach is in line with the Practice Direction on Cost Awards (section 12.02), or as otherwise determined by the Board.