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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

## **EB-2023-0003**

**Engagement on Distributor Resilience, Responsiveness and Cost Efficiency**

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

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**May 31, 2024**

## OVERVIEW

On January 25, 2023, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) to initiate a consultation on distributor resilience, responsiveness, and cost efficiency in response to challenges posed by climate change. That letter indicated that cost awards would be (i) available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for this consultation, and (ii) recoverable from all licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors. For the initial stakeholder meeting, cost awards would be available to eligible participants for a maximum of six hours for preparation and attendance.

On March 2, 2023, the OEB issued a [letter](#) confirming that cost awards would be available to eligible participants for a maximum of six hours for preparation and attendance at a second meeting in support of the consultation.

On March 2, 2023, the OEB's Decision on Cost Eligibility approved the following organizations for cost eligibility:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada (CCMBC)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Environmental Defence
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

On May 3, 2023, the OEB issued a [letter](#) indicating that cost awards would be available to eligible participants for a maximum of 5 hours for preparation and attendance at a third meeting in support of the consultation.

On April 2, 2024, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in which it set out the process for cost claims. The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, BOMA, CCMBC, CCC, Environmental Defence, LPMA, Pollution Probe, and SEC. OSEA indicated that it was not filing a cost claim. No objections were received from licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors.

## Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed to ensure they are 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:

• AMPCO	\$4,101.90
• BOMA	\$6,339.30
• CCMBC	\$6,339.30
• CCC	\$4,474.80
• Environmental Defence	\$1,356.00
• LPMA	\$3,840.87
• Pollution Probe	\$4,847.70
• SEC	\$4,914.37

## Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each distributor in relation to costs awarded to each eligible participant is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order. However, the amounts are not to be paid directly by the 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 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 proceeding. 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<sup>1</sup> 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 *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, each electricity distributor listed in Schedule A shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto May 31, 2024

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

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<sup>1</sup> Participant costs totaling \$41.59 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 section 12.02 of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* which provides flexibility in the apportionment of costs between members of the same class.

**SCHEDULE A**

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Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Building Owners & Managers Association	Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Business of Canada	Consumer Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	London Property Management Association	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total Cost
Alterra Utilities Corporation	\$816.63	\$1,262.06	\$1,262.06	\$890.87	\$269.96	\$764.66	\$965.10	\$978.38	\$7,209.72	\$27,785.88	\$34,995.60
Algoma Power Inc.	\$9.35	\$14.46	\$14.46	\$10.21	\$3.09	\$8.76	\$11.06	\$11.21	\$82.60	\$318.29	\$400.89
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$1.23	\$1.90	\$1.90	\$1.34	\$0.41	\$1.15	\$1.45	\$1.47	\$10.85	\$41.79	\$52.64
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$28.31	\$43.75	\$43.75	\$30.88	\$9.36	\$26.51	\$33.46	\$33.92	\$249.94	\$963.27	\$1,213.21
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$52.25	\$80.75	\$80.75	\$57.00	\$17.27	\$48.92	\$61.75	\$62.60	\$461.29	\$1,777.80	\$2,239.09
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$23.09	\$35.68	\$35.68	\$25.18	\$7.63	\$21.62	\$27.28	\$27.66	\$203.82	\$785.49	\$989.31
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$5.66	\$8.74	\$8.74	\$6.17	\$1.87	\$5.30	\$6.69	\$6.78	\$49.95	\$192.52	\$242.47
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$0.93	\$1.43	\$1.43	\$1.01	\$0.31	\$0.87	\$1.10	\$1.11	\$8.19	\$31.59	\$39.78
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$1.95	\$3.02	\$3.02	\$2.13	\$0.65	\$1.83	\$2.31	\$2.34	\$17.25	\$66.46	\$83.71
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$9.43	\$14.57	\$14.57	\$10.28	\$3.12	\$8.83	\$11.14	\$11.29	\$83.23	\$320.77	\$404.00
Ellexion Energy Inc.	\$132.11	\$204.17	\$204.17	\$144.12	\$43.67	\$123.70	\$156.13	\$158.27	\$1,166.34	\$4,494.96	\$5,661.30
Enova Power Corp.	\$121.74	\$188.14	\$188.14	\$132.81	\$40.24	\$113.99	\$143.87	\$145.85	\$1,074.78	\$4,142.24	\$5,217.02
Enbridge Powerlines Inc.	\$47.37	\$73.20	\$73.20	\$51.67	\$15.66	\$44.35	\$55.98	\$56.75	\$418.18	\$1,777.80	\$2,229.83
Erwin Utilities Ltd.	\$69.13	\$106.83	\$106.83	\$75.41	\$22.85	\$64.73	\$81.70	\$82.82	\$610.30	\$2,352.05	\$2,962.35
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	\$14.19	\$21.92	\$21.92	\$15.48	\$4.69	\$13.28	\$16.77	\$17.00	\$125.25	\$482.68	\$607.93
ERTH Power Corporation	\$18.50	\$28.59	\$28.59	\$20.18	\$6.12	\$17.32	\$21.86	\$22.16	\$163.32	\$629.41	\$792.73
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$23.62	\$36.50	\$36.50	\$25.77	\$7.81	\$22.12	\$27.91	\$28.30	\$208.53	\$803.61	\$1,012.14
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$16.85	\$26.04	\$26.04	\$18.38	\$5.57	\$15.78	\$19.91	\$20.19	\$148.76	\$573.28	\$722.04
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$2.84	\$4.39	\$4.39	\$3.10	\$0.94	\$2.66	\$3.36	\$3.40	\$25.08	\$96.63	\$121.71
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	\$84.23	\$130.18	\$130.18	\$91.89	\$27.85	\$78.87	\$99.55	\$100.92	\$743.67	\$2,866.09	\$3,609.76
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$36.38	\$56.23	\$56.23	\$39.69	\$12.03	\$34.07	\$43.00	\$43.59	\$321.22	\$1,237.92	\$1,559.14
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$9.00	\$13.92	\$13.92	\$9.82	\$2.98	\$8.43	\$10.64	\$10.79	\$79.50	\$306.37	\$385.87
Hallam Hills Hydro Inc.	\$17.38	\$26.86	\$26.86	\$18.96	\$5.74	\$16.27	\$20.54	\$20.82	\$153.43	\$591.27	\$744.70
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$2.06	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$2.25	\$0.68	\$1.93	\$2.44	\$2.47	\$18.21	\$70.20	\$88.41
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$0.96	\$1.49	\$1.49	\$1.05	\$0.32	\$0.90	\$1.14	\$1.15	\$8.50	\$32.73	\$41.23
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$4.27	\$6.60	\$6.60	\$4.66	\$1.41	\$4.00	\$5.04	\$5.11	\$37.69	\$145.24	\$182.93
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$1,092.40	\$1,688.26	\$1,688.26	\$1,191.71	\$361.12	\$1,022.89	\$1,291.02	\$1,308.78	\$9,644.44	\$37,169.22	\$46,813.66
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	\$3.34	\$5.16	\$5.16	\$3.64	\$1.10	\$3.12	\$3.94	\$4.00	\$29.46	\$113.54	\$143.00
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$272.25	\$420.75	\$420.75	\$297.00	\$90.00	\$254.93	\$321.75	\$326.18	\$2,403.61	\$9,263.39	\$11,667.00
Impower Corporation	\$15.56	\$24.05	\$24.05	\$16.98	\$5.14	\$14.57	\$18.39	\$18.64	\$137.38	\$529.45	\$666.83
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$21.23	\$32.82	\$32.82	\$23.16	\$7.02	\$19.88	\$25.09	\$25.44	\$187.46	\$722.49	\$909.95
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$8.22	\$12.70	\$12.70	\$8.97	\$2.72	\$7.70	\$9.71	\$9.85	\$72.57	\$279.66	\$352.23
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$10.89	\$16.82	\$16.82	\$11.88	\$3.60	\$10.19	\$12.87	\$13.04	\$96.11	\$370.41	\$466.52
London Hydro Inc.	\$125.96	\$194.66	\$194.66	\$137.41	\$41.64	\$117.94	\$148.86	\$150.90	\$1,112.03	\$4,285.67	\$5,397.70
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$32.34	\$49.98	\$49.98	\$35.28	\$10.69	\$30.28	\$38.22	\$38.75	\$285.52	\$1,100.40	\$1,385.92
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$33.98	\$52.51	\$52.51	\$37.07	\$11.23	\$31.82	\$40.16	\$40.71	\$299.99	\$1,156.18	\$1,456.17
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$44.17	\$68.26	\$68.26	\$48.18	\$14.60	\$41.35	\$52.20	\$52.91	\$389.93	\$1,502.73	\$1,892.66
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$7.45	\$11.51	\$11.51	\$8.12	\$2.46	\$6.97	\$8.80	\$8.92	\$65.74	\$253.36	\$319.10
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$21.00	\$32.45	\$32.45	\$22.90	\$6.94	\$19.66	\$24.81	\$25.15	\$185.36	\$714.38	\$899.74
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$4.51	\$6.96	\$6.96	\$4.92	\$1.49	\$4.22	\$5.33	\$5.40	\$39.79	\$153.34	\$193.13
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$57.56	\$88.96	\$88.96	\$62.80	\$19.03	\$53.90	\$68.03	\$68.96	\$508.20	\$1,958.60	\$2,466.80
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$9.74	\$15.06	\$15.06	\$10.63	\$3.22	\$9.12	\$11.52	\$11.67	\$86.02	\$331.56	\$417.58
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$46.15	\$71.32	\$71.32	\$50.35	\$15.26	\$43.21	\$54.54	\$55.29	\$407.44	\$1,570.28	\$1,977.72
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$8.83	\$13.64	\$13.64	\$9.63	\$2.92	\$8.27	\$10.43	\$10.58	\$77.94	\$300.38	\$378.32
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$25.74	\$39.79	\$39.79	\$28.08	\$8.51	\$24.11	\$30.43	\$30.84	\$227.29	\$875.95	\$1,103.24
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$3.33	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$3.63	\$1.10	\$3.11	\$3.93	\$3.98	\$29.36	\$113.15	\$142.51
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$4.54	\$7.01	\$7.01	\$4.95	\$1.50	\$4.25	\$5.36	\$5.43	\$40.05	\$154.35	\$194.40
Stouffville Hydro Inc.	\$2.21	\$3.42	\$3.42	\$2.41	\$0.73	\$2.07	\$2.61	\$2.65	\$19.52	\$75.24	\$94.76
Synergy North Corporation	\$43.31	\$66.93	\$66.93	\$47.24	\$14.32	\$40.55	\$51.18	\$51.88	\$382.34	\$1,473.47	\$1,855.81
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$6.21	\$9.60	\$9.60	\$6.78	\$2.05	\$5.82	\$7.34	\$7.44	\$54.84	\$211.36	\$266.20
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$599.64	\$926.74	\$926.74	\$654.16	\$198.22	\$561.50	\$708.68	\$718.46	\$5,294.14	\$20,403.61	\$25,697.75
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$11.27	\$17.42	\$17.42	\$12.30	\$3.73	\$10.56	\$13.32	\$13.51	\$99.53	\$383.62	\$483.15
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$19.01	\$29.38	\$29.38	\$20.74	\$6.28	\$17.80	\$22.47	\$22.78	\$167.84	\$646.89	\$814.73
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$3.07	\$4.75	\$4.75	\$3.35	\$1.02	\$2.88	\$3.63	\$3.68	\$27.13	\$104.61	\$131.74
Westario Power Inc.	\$18.53	\$28.64	\$28.64	\$20.22	\$6.13	\$17.35	\$21.90	\$22.20	\$163.61	\$630.52	\$794.13
<b>Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator Total</b>	<b>\$4,101.90</b>	<b>\$6,339.30</b>	<b>\$6,339.30</b>	<b>\$4,474.80</b>	<b>\$1,356.00</b>	<b>\$3,840.87</b>	<b>\$4,847.70</b>	<b>\$4,914.37</b>	<b>\$36,214.24</b>	<b>\$139,568.00</b>	<b>\$175,782.24</b>

Note: Total intervenor costs of \$41.59 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).

Attawapiskat Power Corp.	17.13
Fort Albany Power Corporation	10.21
Kashechewan Power Corporation	14.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.59</b>