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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**EB-2019-0207**

**Distributed Energy Resources Connections Review**

**By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson**

Vice President, Consumer Protection &  
Industry Performance

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**September 3, 2024**

## OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board's August 13, 2019 [letter](#) commenced an initiative to review its requirements in relation to the connection of distributed energy resources (DERs) by licensed electricity distributors (DER Connections Review). The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) and that the OEB had determined that licensed, rate-regulated electricity distributors would pay the costs.

The OEB issued Decisions on September 10, 2019, September 13, 2019, September 23, 2019, and January 13, 2020, that determined the following participants in this consultation process were eligible to apply for an award of costs (eligible participants):

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

The Decisions noted that cost awards would be available in relation to participation in the Working Group. In the Decisions, the OEB requested that participants with similar viewpoints coordinate their activities to reduce costs and advised that this effort will be taken into account during the decision on awards of costs.

The maximum number of cost-eligible hours per participant to prepare for, attend and report on Working Group Meetings was limited to 1.5 times (or 2 times where one consultant was acting on behalf of two separate organizations) the meeting time.

On July 9, 2024, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in relation to the DER Connections Review activities from January 26, 2023 to June 27, 2024 and comments on the proposed amendments to the Distribution System Code (DSC) issued on December 15, 2023 and January 29, 2024.

The OEB received cost claims from BOMA, CME, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, OCC and Pollution Probe. No objections to the cost claims were received from the rate-regulated electricity distributors.

In its revised cost claim, Environmental Defence requested 5.5 hours to be included in its final cost claim. Environmental Defence states the additional time claimed is for comments on the proposed DSC amendments and at the time of preparing its cost claim, it was not clear on how to enter those hours in the online cost claim form.

## 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 Environmental Defence cost claim, including the additional claimed time of 5.5 hours, and the cost claims of CME, Energy Probe, OCC and Pollution Probe are reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards.

The OEB approves cost awards for the Eligible Participants as follows:

• BOMA	\$46,105.41
• CME	\$4,321.92
• Energy Probe	\$40,944.02
• Environmental Defence	\$39,940.31
• OCC	\$682.41
• Pollution Probe	\$23,172.04

The OEB also approves an amount of \$97,000 for recovery of the OEB's costs of and incidental to this consultation from rate-regulated electricity distributors.

## Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each rate-regulated electricity distributor in relation to costs awarded to each eligible participant is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order. The amounts will not be paid directly by the 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 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 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Each Rate-regulated electricity distributor in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall make a payment to the OEB in accordance with the invoice 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 September 3, 2024

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

**Schedule A**  
**Decision and Order on Cost Awards**

<b>Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator</b>	<b>Building Owners &amp; Managers Association</b>	<b>Canadian Manufacturers &amp; Exporters</b>	<b>Energy Probe Research Foundation</b>	<b>Environmental Defence</b>	<b>Ontario Chamber of Commerce</b>	<b>Pollution Probe</b>	<b>Cost Awards</b>	<b>OEB Cost</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$9,178.89	\$860.43	\$8,151.34	\$7,951.51	\$135.86	\$4,613.20	\$30,891.23	\$19,311.24	\$50,202.47
Algoma Power Inc.	\$105.15	\$9.86	\$93.38	\$91.09	\$1.56	\$52.85	\$353.89	\$221.22	\$575.11
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$13.80	\$1.29	\$12.26	\$11.96	\$0.20	\$6.94	\$46.45	\$29.04	\$75.49
Bluewater Power Distribution Com.	\$318.21	\$29.83	\$282.59	\$275.66	\$4.71	\$159.93	\$1,070.93	\$669.48	\$1,740.41
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$587.28	\$55.05	\$521.54	\$508.75	\$8.69	\$295.16	\$1,976.47	\$1,235.57	\$3,212.04
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$259.48	\$24.32	\$230.43	\$224.78	\$3.84	\$130.41	\$873.26	\$545.92	\$1,419.18
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$63.60	\$5.96	\$56.48	\$55.09	\$0.94	\$31.96	\$214.03	\$133.80	\$347.83
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$10.44	\$0.98	\$9.27	\$9.04	\$0.15	\$5.25	\$35.13	\$21.96	\$57.09
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$21.96	\$2.06	\$19.50	\$19.02	\$0.32	\$11.03	\$73.89	\$46.19	\$120.08
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$105.97	\$9.93	\$94.10	\$91.80	\$1.57	\$53.26	\$356.63	\$222.94	\$579.57
Ellexicon Energy Inc.	\$1,484.88	\$139.19	\$1,318.65	\$1,286.33	\$21.98	\$746.28	\$4,997.31	\$3,124.01	\$8,121.32
Enova Power Corp.	\$1,368.36	\$128.27	\$1,215.18	\$1,185.39	\$20.25	\$687.72	\$4,605.17	\$2,878.86	\$7,484.03
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$532.40	\$49.91	\$472.80	\$461.21	\$7.88	\$267.58	\$1,791.78	\$1,120.10	\$2,911.88
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$776.99	\$72.83	\$690.00	\$673.09	\$11.50	\$390.50	\$2,614.91	\$1,634.68	\$4,249.59
EPCOR Electricity Dist. Ontario Inc.	\$159.45	\$14.95	\$141.60	\$138.13	\$2.36	\$80.14	\$536.63	\$335.46	\$872.09
ERTH Power Corporation	\$207.92	\$19.49	\$184.65	\$180.12	\$3.08	\$104.50	\$699.76	\$437.44	\$1,137.20
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$265.47	\$24.88	\$235.75	\$229.97	\$3.93	\$133.42	\$893.42	\$558.51	\$1,451.93
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$189.38	\$17.75	\$168.18	\$164.05	\$2.80	\$95.18	\$637.34	\$398.43	\$1,035.77
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$31.92	\$2.99	\$28.35	\$27.65	\$0.47	\$16.04	\$107.42	\$67.16	\$174.58
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	\$946.80	\$88.75	\$840.80	\$820.19	\$14.01	\$475.85	\$3,186.40	\$1,991.94	\$5,178.34
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$408.94	\$38.33	\$363.16	\$354.26	\$6.05	\$205.53	\$1,376.27	\$860.36	\$2,236.63
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$101.21	\$9.49	\$89.88	\$87.67	\$1.50	\$50.87	\$340.62	\$212.93	\$553.55
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$195.32	\$18.31	\$173.46	\$169.20	\$2.89	\$98.17	\$657.35	\$410.93	\$1,068.28
Hearst Power Distribution Com. Ltd.	\$23.19	\$2.17	\$20.60	\$20.09	\$0.34	\$11.66	\$78.05	\$48.79	\$126.84
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$10.81	\$1.01	\$9.60	\$9.37	\$0.16	\$5.43	\$36.38	\$22.75	\$59.13
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$47.98	\$4.50	\$42.61	\$41.56	\$0.71	\$24.11	\$161.47	\$100.94	\$262.41
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$12,278.62	\$1,151.00	\$10,904.05	\$10,636.75	\$181.74	\$6,171.09	\$41,323.25	\$25,832.67	\$67,155.92
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	\$37.51	\$3.52	\$33.31	\$32.49	\$0.56	\$18.85	\$126.24	\$78.91	\$205.15
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$3,060.10	\$286.85	\$2,717.53	\$2,650.91	\$45.29	\$1,537.97	\$10,298.65	\$6,438.07	\$16,736.72
Innpower Corporation	\$174.90	\$16.40	\$155.32	\$151.51	\$2.59	\$87.90	\$588.62	\$367.97	\$956.59
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$238.67	\$22.37	\$211.95	\$206.75	\$3.53	\$119.95	\$803.22	\$502.13	\$1,305.35
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$92.38	\$8.66	\$82.04	\$80.03	\$1.37	\$46.43	\$310.91	\$194.36	\$505.27
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$122.36	\$11.47	\$108.66	\$106.00	\$1.81	\$61.50	\$411.80	\$257.43	\$669.23
London Hydro Inc.	\$1,415.74	\$132.71	\$1,257.25	\$1,226.43	\$20.95	\$711.54	\$4,764.62	\$2,978.55	\$7,743.17
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$363.51	\$34.08	\$322.82	\$314.90	\$5.38	\$182.70	\$1,223.39	\$764.78	\$1,988.17

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Building Owners & Managers Association	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Energy Probe Research Foundation	Environmental Defence	Ontario Chamber of Commerce	Pollution Probe	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total Cost
Newmarket-Tay Power Dist. Ltd.	\$381.94	\$35.80	\$339.18	\$330.86	\$5.65	\$191.96	\$1,285.39	\$803.55	\$2,088.94
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$496.42	\$46.53	\$440.85	\$430.04	\$7.35	\$249.49	\$1,670.68	\$1,044.40	\$2,715.08
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$83.69	\$7.85	\$74.32	\$72.50	\$1.24	\$42.06	\$281.66	\$176.08	\$457.74
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$235.99	\$22.12	\$209.57	\$204.44	\$3.49	\$118.61	\$794.22	\$496.50	\$1,290.72
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$50.65	\$4.75	\$44.98	\$43.88	\$0.75	\$25.46	\$170.47	\$106.57	\$277.04
Oakville Hydro Electricity Dist. Inc.	\$647.01	\$60.65	\$574.58	\$560.49	\$9.58	\$325.18	\$2,177.49	\$1,361.23	\$3,538.72
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$109.53	\$10.27	\$97.27	\$94.88	\$1.62	\$55.05	\$368.62	\$230.44	\$599.06
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$518.73	\$48.63	\$460.66	\$449.37	\$7.68	\$260.71	\$1,745.78	\$1,091.35	\$2,837.13
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$99.23	\$9.30	\$88.12	\$85.96	\$1.47	\$49.87	\$333.95	\$208.77	\$542.72
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$289.37	\$27.13	\$256.97	\$250.67	\$4.28	\$145.43	\$973.85	\$608.79	\$1,582.64
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$37.38	\$3.50	\$33.19	\$32.38	\$0.55	\$18.79	\$125.79	\$78.64	\$204.43
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$50.99	\$4.78	\$45.28	\$44.17	\$0.75	\$25.63	\$171.60	\$107.27	\$278.87
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$24.85	\$2.33	\$22.07	\$21.53	\$0.37	\$12.49	\$83.64	\$52.29	\$135.93
Synergy North Corporation	\$486.75	\$45.63	\$432.26	\$421.66	\$7.20	\$244.63	\$1,638.13	\$1,024.06	\$2,662.19
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$69.82	\$6.55	\$62.01	\$60.49	\$1.03	\$35.09	\$234.99	\$146.90	\$381.89
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Ltd.	\$6,740.20	\$631.83	\$5,985.65	\$5,838.96	\$99.80	\$3,387.55	\$22,683.99	\$14,180.52	\$36,864.51
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$126.73	\$11.88	\$112.54	\$109.78	\$1.88	\$63.69	\$426.50	\$266.62	\$693.12
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$213.69	\$20.03	\$189.77	\$185.12	\$3.16	\$107.40	\$719.17	\$449.59	\$1,168.76
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$34.56	\$3.24	\$30.69	\$29.94	\$0.51	\$17.37	\$116.31	\$72.70	\$189.01
Westario Power Inc.	\$208.29	\$19.53	\$184.97	\$180.44	\$3.08	\$104.68	\$700.99	\$438.21	\$1,139.20

<b>Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator Total</b>	<b>\$46,105.41</b>	<b>\$4,321.92</b>	<b>\$40,944.02</b>	<b>\$39,940.31</b>	<b>\$682.41</b>	<b>\$23,172.04</b>	<b>\$155,166.11</b>	<b>\$97,000.00</b>	<b>\$252,166.11</b>
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$46,105.41</b>	<b>\$4,321.92</b>	<b>\$40,944.02</b>	<b>\$39,940.31</b>	<b>\$682.41</b>	<b>\$23,172.04</b>	<b>\$155,166.11</b>	<b>\$97,000.00</b>	<b>\$252,166.11</b>
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Note: Participant costs totaling \$59.68 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).

Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$24.57
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$14.65
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$20.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$59.68</b>