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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2024-0092

**Engagement on Electricity Distribution System Expansion
for Housing Development**

By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson

Vice President, Consumer Protection &
Industry Performance

September 20, 2024

OVERVIEW

On March 13, 2024, the OEB issued a [letter](#) commencing an initiative to review its requirements with respect to its policy review of electricity distribution system expansion for housing development, with a specific focus on connection and revenue horizons related to recovery of expansion costs. The letter also stated that cost awards would be available for eligible participants under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and that costs awarded would be recovered from all licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors.

On April 2, 2024 the OEB issued its Decision on Cost Eligibility, approving the following organizations:

- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada (CCMBC)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Distributed Resource Coalition (DRC)
- Low Income Energy Network (LIEN)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On July 22, 2024 the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in which it set out the process for cost claims. The Notice also indicated two eligible activities that occurred on April 3, 2024 along with the maximum number of hours for which costs can be claimed:

- Participation in the stakeholder meeting on Electricity Distribution System Expansion for Housing Development – 3 hours
- Providing written comments on the electricity distribution system expansion for housing development cost recovery options discussed - 6 hours

The OEB received cost claims from BOMA, CCMBC, CCC, DRC, LIEN, Pollution Probe and SEC. No cost claim was received from VECC. No objections to the cost claims filed by eligible participants were received from the rate-regulated electricity distributors.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed to ensure their compliance 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:

• BOMA	\$1,305.15
• CCC	\$1,678.05
• CCMBC	\$3,356.10
• DRC	\$950.33
• LIEN	\$3,288.30
• Pollution Probe	\$2,796.75
• SEC	\$3,244.23

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 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 invoice will be sent out at the same time as the invoices for cost assessments under section 26 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* 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 rate-regulated electricity distributor 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.

DATED at Toronto September 20, 2024

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President
Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Schedule A

Decision and Order on Cost Awards

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Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Building Owners & Managers Association	Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada	Consumer Council of Canada	Distributed Resource Coalition	Low Income Energy Network	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$262.45	\$674.88	\$337.44	\$191.10	\$661.24	\$562.40	\$652.38	\$3,341.89
Algoma Power Inc.	\$3.01	\$7.73	\$3.87	\$2.19	\$7.57	\$6.44	\$7.47	\$38.28
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$9.10	\$23.40	\$11.70	\$6.63	\$22.92	\$19.50	\$22.62	\$115.87
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$16.79	\$43.18	\$21.59	\$12.23	\$42.31	\$35.98	\$41.74	\$213.82
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$7.42	\$19.08	\$9.54	\$5.40	\$18.69	\$15.90	\$18.44	\$94.47
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$3.03	\$7.79	\$3.90	\$2.21	\$7.63	\$6.49	\$7.53	\$38.58
Elexicon Energy Inc.	\$42.46	\$109.18	\$54.59	\$30.91	\$106.97	\$90.98	\$105.54	\$540.63
Enova Power Corp.	\$39.13	\$100.61	\$50.30	\$28.49	\$98.58	\$83.84	\$97.26	\$498.21
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$15.22	\$39.14	\$19.57	\$11.08	\$38.35	\$32.62	\$37.84	\$193.82
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$22.22	\$57.13	\$28.56	\$16.18	\$55.97	\$47.61	\$55.22	\$282.89
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	\$4.56	\$11.72	\$5.86	\$3.32	\$11.49	\$9.77	\$11.33	\$58.05
ERTH Power Corporation	\$5.95	\$15.29	\$7.64	\$4.33	\$14.98	\$12.74	\$14.78	\$75.71
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$7.59	\$19.52	\$9.76	\$5.53	\$19.12	\$16.27	\$18.87	\$96.66

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Building Owners & Managers Association	Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada	Consumer Council of Canada	Distributed Resource Coalition	Low Income Energy Network	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Total Cost Awards
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$5.41	\$13.92	\$6.96	\$3.94	\$13.64	\$11.60	\$13.46	\$68.93
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	\$27.07	\$69.61	\$34.81	\$19.71	\$68.21	\$58.01	\$67.29	\$344.71
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$11.69	\$30.07	\$15.03	\$8.51	\$29.46	\$25.06	\$29.06	\$148.88
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$2.89	\$7.44	\$3.72	\$2.11	\$7.29	\$6.20	\$7.19	\$36.84
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$5.58	\$14.36	\$7.18	\$4.07	\$14.07	\$11.97	\$13.88	\$71.11
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$351.08	\$902.78	\$451.39	\$255.64	\$884.55	\$752.32	\$872.69	\$4,470.45
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$87.50	\$224.99	\$112.50	\$63.71	\$220.45	\$187.49	\$217.49	\$1,114.13
Innpower Corporation	\$5.00	\$12.86	\$6.43	\$3.64	\$12.60	\$10.72	\$12.43	\$63.68
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$6.82	\$17.55	\$8.77	\$4.97	\$17.19	\$14.62	\$16.96	\$86.88
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$2.64	\$6.79	\$3.40	\$1.92	\$6.66	\$5.66	\$6.57	\$33.64
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$3.50	\$9.00	\$4.50	\$2.55	\$8.81	\$7.50	\$8.70	\$44.56
London Hydro Inc.	\$40.48	\$104.09	\$52.05	\$29.48	\$101.99	\$86.74	\$100.62	\$515.45
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$10.39	\$26.73	\$13.36	\$7.57	\$26.19	\$22.27	\$25.84	\$132.35
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$10.92	\$28.08	\$14.04	\$7.95	\$27.51	\$23.40	\$27.15	\$139.05
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$14.19	\$36.50	\$18.25	\$10.34	\$35.76	\$30.42	\$35.28	\$180.74

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Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$2.39	\$6.15	\$3.08	\$1.74	\$6.03	\$5.13	\$5.95	\$30.47
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$6.75	\$17.35	\$8.68	\$4.91	\$17.00	\$14.46	\$16.77	\$85.92
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$18.50	\$47.57	\$23.79	\$13.47	\$46.61	\$39.64	\$45.99	\$235.57
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$3.13	\$8.05	\$4.03	\$2.28	\$7.89	\$6.71	\$7.78	\$39.87
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$14.83	\$38.14	\$19.07	\$10.80	\$37.37	\$31.78	\$36.87	\$188.86
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$2.84	\$7.30	\$3.65	\$2.07	\$7.15	\$6.08	\$7.05	\$36.14
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$8.27	\$21.28	\$10.64	\$6.02	\$20.85	\$17.73	\$20.57	\$105.36
Synergy North Corporation	\$13.92	\$35.79	\$17.89	\$10.13	\$35.07	\$29.82	\$34.60	\$177.22
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$2.00	\$5.13	\$2.57	\$1.45	\$5.03	\$4.28	\$4.96	\$25.42
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$192.74	\$495.58	\$247.76	\$140.32	\$485.57	\$412.99	\$479.06	\$2,454.02
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$3.62	\$9.32	\$4.66	\$2.64	\$9.13	\$7.76	\$9.01	\$46.14
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$6.11	\$15.71	\$7.86	\$4.45	\$15.39	\$13.09	\$15.19	\$77.80
Westario Power Inc.	\$5.96	\$15.31	\$7.66	\$4.34	\$15.01	\$12.76	\$14.80	\$75.84
Grand Total	\$1,305.15	\$3,356.10	\$1,678.05	\$950.33	\$3,288.30	\$2,796.75	\$3,244.23	\$16,618.91

Note: Total costs of \$169.56 were reallocated to the companies listed in Schedule A to eliminate charges below the \$25 materiality threshold adopted by the OEB in Sec.26 of the *Cost Assessment Model* and in section 12.02 of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$4.96
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$1.62
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$22.91
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$3.76
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$7.91
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$0.97
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$11.51
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$8.36
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$3.90
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$17.30
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	\$13.50
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$1.36
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$18.24
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$13.48
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$18.38
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$8.95
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$12.45
Total	\$169.56