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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2022-0267

Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements

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

April 25, 2025

OVERVIEW

On December 5, 2024 the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) inviting stakeholders to attend a meeting on January 20, 2025 to hear about planned changes to the Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements (RRR) for the April 2025 annual filing, and to gather feedback on the OEB's Interactive Dashboards.

The letter indicated that cost awards would be (i) available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), (ii) recoverable from all licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors, and (iii) available for participation in the stakeholder meeting to a maximum of actual meeting time plus 50% of meeting time for preparation and reporting. The letter also stated that participants that were deemed eligible for cost awards in relation to the OEB's January 2024 stakeholder meeting did not need to reapply.

No new applications for cost award eligibility were received.

On February 25, 2025, the OEB issued its [Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards](#) (Notice of Hearing). The Notice confirmed that the following participants were deemed eligible for cost awards:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Building Owners and Managers Association
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Environmental Defence
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

The Notice of Hearing also set out the process for cost claims and confirmed the maximum number of hours for which costs can be claimed for participation in the January 20, 2025 stakeholder meeting as follows:

- Meeting preparation and reporting – 1 hour
- Attendance and participation in the January 20, 2025 meeting – 2 hours

The OEB received cost claims from CCC and SEC. No objections to the cost claims filed by the eligible participants were received from licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors.

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 claims are

reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards as set out in the Notice of Hearing.

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

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| • CCC | \$932.25 |
| • SEC | \$557.09 |

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each licensed rate-regulated 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 consultation.

The invoice will be sent out at the same time as the invoices for cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act, are sent out, and payment will be due at the same time as 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 licensed rate-regulated electricity distributor listed 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 April 25, 2025

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	Consumer Council of Canada	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards
Alectra Utilities Corporation	229.65	137.23	366.88
Ellexicon Energy Inc.	37.15	22.20	59.35
Enova Power Corp.	34.24	20.46	54.70
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	19.44	11.62	31.06
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	23.69	14.16	37.85
Hydro One Networks Inc.	307.46	183.73	491.19
Hydro Ottawa Limited	76.56	45.75	122.31
London Hydro Inc.	35.42	21.17	56.59
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	168.64	100.77	269.41
Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator Total	932.25	557.09	1,489.34
Grand Total	\$932.25	\$557.09	\$1,489.34

Algoma Power Inc.	\$3.40
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$0.45
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$0.14
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$10.27
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$18.96
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$8.38
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$2.06
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$0.71
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$3.42
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$17.19
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	\$5.15
ERTH Power Corporation	\$6.71
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$8.58
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$6.12
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$0.08
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$1.04
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$13.21
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$3.27
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$6.31
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$0.75
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$0.35
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$1.55
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	\$1.21
Innpower Corporation	\$5.65
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$0.13
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$7.70
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$2.99
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$3.95
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$11.74

Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$12.33
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$16.04
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$2.70
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$7.62
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$1.63
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$20.90
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$3.53
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$16.76
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$3.21
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$9.35
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$1.21
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$1.65
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$0.80
Synergy North Corporation	\$15.72
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$2.25
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$4.09
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$6.90
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$1.12
Westario Power Inc.	\$6.73
Total	\$286.01

Note: Participant costs totaling \$286.01 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).