

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2022-0079

Dynamic Pricing Options for Non-RPP Class B Electricity Consumers

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

June18, 2025

OVERVIEW

On July 22, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a <u>letter</u> inviting stakeholders to a meeting on September 9, 2024, seeking input on alternative opt-in price plans for Class B consumers that are not eligible for the Regulated Price Plan (Non-RPP Class B). The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) to eligible participants.

In that letter and in an August 29, 2024 <u>Decision</u>, the OEB determined that the following stakeholders are eligible for cost awards in relation to this consultation, to be recovered from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors based on the number of customers they serve:

- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Business of Canada (CCMBC)
- Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)

The OEB determined that eligible participants would be eligible for a maximum of one and a half hours for preparation for the September 9, 2024, stakeholder meeting, three hours for attendance and participation in the meeting, and six hours for written comments submitted on the presentation. On April 16th 2025, the OEB issued a <u>Notice of Hearing</u> for Cost Awards inviting eligible participants to submit cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from the Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada, Quinte Manufacturers Association, School Energy Coalition, and Building Owners and Managers Association. No objections were received from licensed electricity distributors.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims files by the CCMBC, QMA, SEC, and BOMA to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB approves cost awards as follows:

• BOMA \$3,915.45

• CCMBC	\$2,237.40
QMA	\$734.50
• SEC	\$3,691.71

The OEB is also ordering recovery from rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors of an incremental amount of \$325,041.00 for the OEB's costs of and incidental to this consultation.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each licensed electricity distributor in relation to costs awarded 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 consultation. The payment shall be due at the same time as all other cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Each licensed 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.
- 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 June 18, 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	Building Owners and Managers Association	Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada	Quinte Manufacturers Association	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total Costs
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$779.37	\$445.35	\$146.20	\$734.83	\$2,105.75	\$64,699.21	\$66,804.96
Algoma Power Inc.	\$8.93	\$5.10	\$1.67	\$8.42	\$24.12	\$741.15	\$765.27
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$1.17	\$0.67	\$0.22	\$1.11	\$3.17	\$97.30	\$100.47
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$0.38	\$0.22	\$0.07	\$0.36	\$1.03	\$31.67	\$32.70
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$27.02	\$15.44	\$5.07	\$25.47	\$73.00	\$2,242.97	\$2,315.97
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$49.87	\$28.49	\$9.35	\$47.02	\$134.73	\$4,139.59	\$4,274.32
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$22.03	\$12.59	\$4.13	\$20.77	\$59.52	\$1,829.00	\$1,888.52
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$5.40	\$3.09	\$1.01	\$5.09	\$14.59	\$448.28	\$462.87
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$1.86	\$1.07	\$0.35	\$1.76	\$5.04	\$154.76	\$159.80
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$9.00	\$5.14	\$1.69	\$8.48	\$24.31	\$746.92	\$771.23
Elexicon Energy Inc.	\$126.08	\$72.05	\$23.65	\$118.87	\$340.65	\$10,466.49	\$10,807.14
Enova Power Corp.	\$116.19	\$66.39	\$21.80	\$109.55	\$313.93	\$9,645.17	\$9,959.10
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$45.21	\$25.83	\$8.48	\$42.62	\$122.14	\$3,752.73	\$3,874.87
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$65.97	\$37.70	\$12.38	\$62.20	\$178.25	\$5,476.74	\$5,654.99

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EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	\$13.54	\$7.74	\$2.54	\$12.77	\$36.59	\$1,123.92	\$1,160.51
ERTH Power Corporation	\$17.65	\$10.09	\$3.31	\$16.65	\$47.70	\$1,465.58	\$1,513.28
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$22.54	\$12.88	\$4.23	\$21.25	\$60.90	\$1,871.19	\$1,932.09
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$16.08	\$9.19	\$3.02	\$15.16	\$43.45	\$1,334.87	\$1,378.32
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$2.71	\$1.55	\$0.51	\$2.56	\$7.33	\$225.01	\$232.34
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	\$80.39	\$45.94	\$15.08	\$75.80	\$217.21	\$6,673.68	\$6,890.89
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$34.72	\$19.84	\$6.51	\$32.74	\$93.81	\$2,882.49	\$2,976.30
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$8.59	\$4.91	\$1.61	\$8.10	\$23.21	\$713.38	\$736.59
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$16.58	\$9.48	\$3.11	\$15.64	\$44.81	\$1,376.76	\$1,421.57
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$1.97	\$1.13	\$0.37	\$1.86	\$5.33	\$163.47	\$168.80
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$0.92	\$0.52	\$0.17	\$0.87	\$2.48	\$76.21	\$78.69
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$4.07	\$2.33	\$0.76	\$3.84	\$11.00	\$338.18	\$349.18
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$1,043.45	\$596.23	\$195.75	\$983.79	\$2,819.22	\$86,621.72	\$89,440.94
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	\$3.18	\$1.82	\$0.60	\$3.00	\$8.60	\$264.38	\$272.98
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$259.83	\$148.47	\$48.74	\$244.98	\$702.02	\$21,569.73	\$22,271.75
Innpower Corporation	\$14.85	\$8.49	\$2.79	\$14.00	\$40.13	\$1,232.82	\$1,272.95
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$0.32	\$0.18	\$0.06	\$0.30	\$0.86	\$26.38	\$27.24
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$20.27	\$11.58	\$3.80	\$19.11	\$54.76	\$1,682.30	\$1,737.06

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Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Building Owners and Managers Association	Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada	Quinte Manufacturers Association	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total Costs
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$7.84	\$4.48	\$1.47	\$7.40	\$21.19	\$651.18	\$672.37
Lakeland Power							
Distribution Ltd.	\$10.39	\$5.94	\$1.95	\$9.80	\$28.08	\$862.49	\$890.57
London Hydro Inc.	\$120.21	\$68.69	\$22.55	\$113.34	\$324.79	\$9,979.14	\$10,303.93
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$30.87	\$17.64	\$5.79	\$29.10	\$83.40	\$2,562.28	\$2,645.68
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$32.43	\$18.53	\$6.08	\$30.58	\$87.62	\$2,692.15	\$2,779.77
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$42.15	\$24.09	\$7.91	\$39.74	\$113.89	\$3,499.11	\$3,613.00
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$7.11	\$4.06	\$1.33	\$6.70	\$19.20	\$589.94	\$609.14
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$20.04	\$11.45	\$3.76	\$18.89	\$54.14	\$1,663.43	\$1,717.57
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$4.30	\$2.46	\$0.81	\$4.06	\$11.63	\$357.05	\$368.68
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$54.94	\$31.39	\$10.31	\$51.80	\$148.44	\$4,560.58	\$4,709.02
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$9.30	\$5.31	\$1.74	\$8.77	\$25.12	\$772.04	\$797.16
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$44.04	\$25.17	\$8.26	\$41.53	\$119.00	\$3,656.39	\$3,775.39
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$8.43	\$4.81	\$1.58	\$7.94	\$22.76	\$699.44	\$722.20
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$24.57	\$14.04	\$4.61	\$23.17	\$66.39	\$2,039.65	\$2,106.04
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$3.17	\$1.81	\$0.60	\$2.99	\$8.57	\$263.48	\$272.05
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$4.33	\$2.47	\$0.81	\$4.08	\$11.69	\$359.39	\$371.08
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$2.11	\$1.21	\$0.40	\$1.99	\$5.71	\$175.19	\$180.90
Synergy North Corporation	\$41.33	\$23.62	\$7.75	\$38.97	\$111.67	\$3,430.95	\$3,542.62
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$5.93	\$3.39	\$1.11	\$5.59	\$16.02	\$492.15	\$508.17

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Toronto Hydro-Electric	¢570.20	\$327.03	\$107.36	¢520.60	¢1 546 00	¢47.500.64	¢40.055.02
System Limited	\$572.30	\$327.03	\$107.30	\$539.60	\$1,546.29	\$47,509.64	\$49,055.93
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$10.76	\$6.15	\$2.02	\$10.15	\$29.08	\$893.26	\$922.34
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$18.14	\$10.37	\$3.40	\$17.11	\$49.02	\$1,506.27	\$1,555.29
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$2.93	\$1.68	\$0.55	\$2.77	\$7.93	\$243.58	\$251.51
Westario Power Inc.	\$17.69	\$10.11	\$3.32	\$16.67	\$47.79	\$1,468.17	\$1,515.96

Distribution							
System							
Owner/Operator							
Total	\$3,915.45	\$2,237.40	\$734.50	\$3,691.71	\$10,579.06	\$325,041.00	\$335,620.06

Grand Total	\$3,915.45	\$2,237.40	\$734.50	\$3,691.71	\$10,579.06	\$325,041.00	\$335,620.06

Note: Participant costs totaling \$19.48 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 case. This approach is in line with the Practice Direction on Cost Awards (section 12.02)

Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$19.48
Total	\$19.48