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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0307

Reliability and Power Quality Review

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

August 11, 2025

OVERVIEW

On November 30, 2021, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) launching a comprehensive review of reliability and power quality (RPQR) in the Ontario electricity sector. The November 30 letter also indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) to eligible participants.

In its June 28, 2022 letter, the OEB announced the establishment of the RPQR working group (RPQR WG) and its membership. The letter further indicated that cost awards would be available for eligible parties to cover preparation, attendance and reporting time in relation to meetings of the RPQR WG and any subgroup(s), up to 1.5 times of actual attended meeting time. The OEB also determined that costs related to participation in the RPQR WG will generally be recovered from licensed electricity distributors, while costs related to participating in the Transmission subgroup will be recovered from licensed electricity transmitters.

The OEB determined the following participants in this consultation process were eligible to apply for an award of costs:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

On June 10, 2025, the OEB issued a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in which it set out the process for cost claims in relation to the following eligible activities:

- Participation in the RPQR working group (RPQR WG) meetings for the period from August 16, 2024, to March 31, 2025.
- Participation in the RPQR Transmission subgroup meeting of October 4, 2024.

The OEB received cost claims from Anwaatin, AMPCO, BOMA, and SEC. No objections were received from the electricity transmitters and electricity distributors. This decision is made under delegated authority pursuant to section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and approves the cost claims as filed, with the exception of the cost claim by Anwaatin.

The OEB is reducing the Anwaatin cost claim by 5 hours (a reduction of \$1,795.00 from the original claim of \$5,744.00) to account for the actual attended meeting time at RPQR WG meetings nos. 22, 23 and 24. The OEB finds that Anwaatin's cost claim had overstated its attendance time at those meetings.

The OEB approves cost awards as follows:

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| • Anwaatin | \$3,949.00 |
| • AMPCO | \$6,186.47 |
| • BOMA | \$6,369.03 |
| • SEC | \$4,690.75 |

The OEB is also ordering recovery from licensed electricity distributors of an amount of \$53,880.00 for the OEB's costs of and incidental to this consultation.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each electricity distributor and electricity transmitter in relation to costs awarded is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order.

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 electricity distributor and transmitter 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 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Each electricity distributor and electricity transmitter 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 August 11, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

| Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator | Anwaatin Inc. | Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario | Building Owners & Managers Association | School Energy Coalition | Cost Awards | OEB Cost | Total |
|--|--------------------|---|--|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Alectra Utilities Corporation | \$ 1,144.15 | \$ 1,232.29 | \$ 1,268.66 | \$ 859.34 | \$ 4,504.44 | \$ 10,732.43 | \$ 15,236.87 |
| Algoma Power Inc. | \$ 13.11 | \$ 14.12 | \$ 14.53 | \$ 9.84 | \$ 51.60 | \$ 122.94 | \$ 174.54 |
| Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation | \$ 39.67 | \$ 42.72 | \$ 43.98 | \$ 29.79 | \$ 156.16 | \$ 372.07 | \$ 528.23 |
| Burlington Hydro Inc. | \$ 73.21 | \$ 78.84 | \$ 81.17 | \$ 54.98 | \$ 288.20 | \$ 686.68 | \$ 974.88 |
| Canadian Niagara Power Inc. | \$ 32.34 | \$ 34.84 | \$ 35.86 | \$ 24.29 | \$ 127.33 | \$ 303.40 | \$ 430.73 |
| Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. | \$ 7.93 | \$ 8.54 | \$ 8.79 | \$ 5.95 | \$ 31.21 | \$ 74.36 | \$ 105.57 |
| Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. | \$ 2.74 | \$ 2.95 | \$ 3.03 | \$ 2.06 | \$ 10.78 | \$ 25.67 | \$ 36.45 |
| E.L.K. Energy Inc. | \$ 13.21 | \$ 14.23 | \$ 14.65 | \$ 9.92 | \$ 52.01 | \$ 123.90 | \$ 175.91 |
| Elexicon Energy Inc. | \$ 185.09 | \$ 199.35 | \$ 205.23 | \$ 139.02 | \$ 728.69 | \$ 1,736.20 | \$ 2,464.89 |
| Enova Power Corp. | \$ 170.57 | \$ 183.71 | \$ 189.13 | \$ 128.11 | \$ 671.52 | \$ 1,599.96 | \$ 2,271.48 |
| Entegrus Powerlines Inc. | \$ 66.36 | \$ 71.48 | \$ 73.59 | \$ 49.84 | \$ 261.27 | \$ 622.51 | \$ 883.78 |
| Enwin Utilities Ltd. | \$ 96.85 | \$ 104.31 | \$ 107.39 | \$ 72.74 | \$ 381.29 | \$ 908.49 | \$ 1,289.78 |
| EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc. | \$ 19.88 | \$ 21.41 | \$ 22.04 | \$ 14.93 | \$ 78.26 | \$ 186.44 | \$ 264.70 |
| ERTH Power Corporation | \$ 25.92 | \$ 27.91 | \$ 28.74 | \$ 19.47 | \$ 102.04 | \$ 243.11 | \$ 345.15 |
| Essex Powerlines Corporation | \$ 33.09 | \$ 35.64 | \$ 36.69 | \$ 24.85 | \$ 130.27 | \$ 310.40 | \$ 440.67 |
| Festival Hydro Inc. | \$ 23.61 | \$ 25.42 | \$ 26.17 | \$ 17.73 | \$ 92.93 | \$ 221.43 | \$ 314.36 |
| Fort Frances Power Corporation | \$ 3.98 | \$ 4.29 | \$ 4.41 | \$ 2.99 | \$ 15.67 | \$ 37.33 | \$ 53.00 |
| GrandBridge Energy Inc. | \$ 118.02 | \$ 127.11 | \$ 130.86 | \$ 88.64 | \$ 464.63 | \$ 1,107.04 | \$ 1,571.67 |
| Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. | \$ 50.97 | \$ 54.90 | \$ 56.52 | \$ 38.29 | \$ 200.68 | \$ 478.15 | \$ 678.83 |
| Grimsby Power Incorporated | \$ 12.62 | \$ 13.59 | \$ 13.99 | \$ 9.48 | \$ 49.68 | \$ 118.34 | \$ 168.02 |
| Halton Hills Hydro Inc. | \$ 24.35 | \$ 26.22 | \$ 27.00 | \$ 18.29 | \$ 95.86 | \$ 228.38 | \$ 324.24 |
| Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited | \$ 2.89 | \$ 3.11 | \$ 3.21 | \$ 2.17 | \$ 11.38 | \$ 27.12 | \$ 38.50 |
| Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. | \$ 5.98 | \$ 6.44 | \$ 6.63 | \$ 4.49 | \$ 23.54 | \$ 56.10 | \$ 79.64 |
| Hydro One Networks Inc. | \$ 1,531.82 | \$ 1,649.82 | \$ 1,698.50 | \$ 1,150.51 | \$ 6,030.65 | \$ 14,368.95 | \$ 20,399.60 |
| Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. | \$ 4.68 | \$ 5.04 | \$ 5.18 | \$ 3.51 | \$ 18.41 | \$ 43.86 | \$ 62.27 |
| Hydro Ottawa Limited | \$ 381.44 | \$ 410.83 | \$ 422.95 | \$ 286.49 | \$ 1,501.71 | \$ 3,578.03 | \$ 5,079.74 |
| Innpower Corporation | \$ 21.80 | \$ 23.48 | \$ 24.17 | \$ 16.37 | \$ 85.82 | \$ 204.50 | \$ 290.32 |
| Kingston Hydro Corporation | \$ 29.75 | \$ 32.04 | \$ 32.99 | \$ 22.34 | \$ 117.12 | \$ 279.06 | \$ 396.18 |
| Lakefront Utilities Inc. | \$ 11.52 | \$ 12.40 | \$ 12.77 | \$ 8.65 | \$ 45.34 | \$ 108.02 | \$ 153.36 |
| Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. | \$ 15.25 | \$ 16.43 | \$ 16.91 | \$ 11.46 | \$ 60.05 | \$ 143.07 | \$ 203.12 |
| London Hydro Inc. | \$ 176.47 | \$ 190.07 | \$ 195.68 | \$ 132.54 | \$ 694.76 | \$ 1,655.36 | \$ 2,350.12 |
| Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. | \$ 45.31 | \$ 48.80 | \$ 50.24 | \$ 34.03 | \$ 178.38 | \$ 425.04 | \$ 603.42 |
| Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd. | \$ 47.61 | \$ 51.28 | \$ 52.79 | \$ 35.76 | \$ 187.44 | \$ 446.58 | \$ 634.02 |
| Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. | \$ 61.88 | \$ 66.65 | \$ 68.61 | \$ 46.48 | \$ 243.62 | \$ 580.44 | \$ 824.06 |
| Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc. | \$ 10.43 | \$ 11.24 | \$ 11.57 | \$ 7.84 | \$ 41.08 | \$ 97.86 | \$ 138.94 |
| North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited | \$ 29.42 | \$ 31.68 | \$ 32.62 | \$ 22.09 | \$ 115.81 | \$ 275.93 | \$ 391.74 |
| Northern Ontario Wires Inc. | \$ 6.31 | \$ 6.80 | \$ 7.00 | \$ 4.74 | \$ 24.85 | \$ 59.23 | \$ 84.08 |
| Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. | \$ 80.65 | \$ 86.86 | \$ 89.43 | \$ 60.57 | \$ 317.51 | \$ 756.52 | \$ 1,074.03 |
| Orangeville Hydro Limited | \$ 13.65 | \$ 14.70 | \$ 15.14 | \$ 10.25 | \$ 53.74 | \$ 128.07 | \$ 181.81 |
| Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. | \$ 64.66 | \$ 69.64 | \$ 71.70 | \$ 48.56 | \$ 254.56 | \$ 606.53 | \$ 861.09 |
| Ottawa River Power Corporation | \$ 12.37 | \$ 13.32 | \$ 13.71 | \$ 9.29 | \$ 48.69 | \$ 116.02 | \$ 164.71 |
| PUC Distribution Inc. | \$ 36.07 | \$ 38.85 | \$ 39.99 | \$ 27.09 | \$ 142.00 | \$ 338.34 | \$ 480.34 |
| Renfrew Hydro Inc. | \$ 4.66 | \$ 5.02 | \$ 5.17 | \$ 3.50 | \$ 18.35 | \$ 43.71 | \$ 62.06 |
| Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. | \$ 6.36 | \$ 6.85 | \$ 7.05 | \$ 4.77 | \$ 25.03 | \$ 59.62 | \$ 84.65 |
| Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. | \$ 3.10 | \$ 3.34 | \$ 3.44 | \$ 2.33 | \$ 12.21 | \$ 29.06 | \$ 41.27 |
| Synergy North Corporation | \$ 60.67 | \$ 65.35 | \$ 67.28 | \$ 45.57 | \$ 238.87 | \$ 569.13 | \$ 808.00 |
| Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. | \$ 8.70 | \$ 9.37 | \$ 9.65 | \$ 6.54 | \$ 34.26 | \$ 81.64 | \$ 115.90 |
| Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited | \$ 840.17 | \$ 904.89 | \$ 931.59 | \$ 631.02 | \$ 3,307.67 | \$ 7,880.99 | \$ 11,188.66 |
| Wasaga Distribution Inc. | \$ 15.80 | \$ 17.01 | \$ 17.52 | \$ 11.86 | \$ 62.19 | \$ 148.18 | \$ 210.37 |
| Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. | \$ 26.64 | \$ 28.69 | \$ 29.54 | \$ 20.01 | \$ 104.88 | \$ 249.86 | \$ 354.74 |
| Wellington North Power Inc. | \$ 4.31 | \$ 4.64 | \$ 4.78 | \$ 3.24 | \$ 16.97 | \$ 40.41 | \$ 57.38 |
| Westario Power Inc. | \$ 25.96 | \$ 27.96 | \$ 28.79 | \$ 19.50 | \$ 102.21 | \$ 243.54 | \$ 345.75 |
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| Electricity Distribution Total | \$ 5,744.00 | \$ 6,186.47 | \$ 6,369.03 | \$ 4,314.12 | \$ 22,613.62 | \$ 53,880.00 | \$ 76,493.62 |

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| Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator | Anwaatin Inc. | Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario | Building Owners & Managers Association | School Energy Coalition | Cost Awards | No OEB Cost to be Billed | Total |
|--|--------------------|---|--|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Hydro One Networks Inc. | \$ - | \$ 507.09 | \$ - | \$ 376.63 | \$ 883.72 | \$ - | \$ 883.72 |
| Electricity Transmission Total | \$ - | \$ 507.09 | \$ - | \$ 376.63 | \$ 883.72 | \$ - | \$ 883.72 |
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| Grand Total | \$ 5,744.00 | \$ 6,693.56 | \$ 6,369.03 | \$ 4,690.75 | \$ 23,497.34 | \$ 53,880.00 | \$ 77,377.34 |

Note: Participant costs totaling \$ 115.36 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)

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| Atikokan Hydro Inc. | \$ 22.90 |
| Attawapiskat Power Corp. | \$ 7.45 |
| Fort Albany Power Corporation | \$ 4.44 |
| Hydro 2000 Inc. | \$ 17.93 |
| Kashechewan Power Corporation | \$ 6.21 |
| B2M Limited Partnership | \$ 14.93 |
| Canadian Niagara Power Inc. | \$ 2.11 |
| Five Nations Energy Inc. | \$ 3.56 |
| Hydro One Sault Ste Marie Inc. on behalf of Hydro One Sault Ste Marie LP | \$ 19.28 |
| Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership | \$ 3.59 |
| Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc. | \$ 12.96 |
| Total | \$ 115.36 |