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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2024-0092

System Expansion for Housing Development

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

December 2, 2025

OVERVIEW

On April 17 2025, the OEB issued a Notice of Proposal to Amend a Code (Notice), inviting stakeholders to comment on the proposed amendments to the Distribution System Code (DSC) which would establish a Capacity Allocation Model (CAM) to support a fair allocation of capacity and costs associated with system expansions to accommodate multiple residential subdivisions and other customer connections in a qualifying development area.

The Notice indicated that any participant previously found eligible for cost awards in the April 2, 2024 Decision on Cost Eligibility and in its December 31, 2024 Supplemental Decision on Cost Eligibility would be deemed eligible for an award of costs in the current consultation. The OEB also determined that costs would be recovered from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors apportioned based on their respective customer numbers. Cost awards in this consultation are made available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) to the following eligible participants:

- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Environmental Defence (ED)
- Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN)
- Pollution Probe (PP)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition (VECC)

On July 17, 2025, the OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on Cost Awards in which it set out the process for cost claims in relation to the following activities:

- Participating in CAM Advisory Group (CAMAG) meetings between December 18, 2024 and April 14, 2025
- Providing written comments in response to the April 17, 2025 Notice of Proposed Amendments to the DSC for CAM

The OEB received cost claims from CCC, Environmental Defence, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from licensed electricity distributors.

SEC claimed additional time of 5.7 hours for the April 10, 2025 meeting (3.2 hours) and submissions (2.5 hours). In its cost claim, SEC noted that because its counsel had prior knowledge of the issues involved in CAMAG's work, the preparation time was kept below the maximum in most cases. SEC also noted that its overall hours spent in this

proceeding are well below the maximum, and the OEB acknowledges this.

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 filed to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds the claims of CCC, Environmental Defence, Pollution Probe and VECC are reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards.

With respect to SEC's claim, the OEB will allow SEC's request for recovery of 5.7 hours of additional costs related to the April 10, 2025 CAMAG meeting and submissions. The OEB also finds the additional hours are reasonable given the level of participation and involvement during the consultation process. As acknowledged above, the total hours spent by SEC's representative and claimed by SEC in this proceeding are well below the maximum permitted hours. However, the OEB reminds all parties that the allowed hours for consultation events and processes are to be respected to maintain fairness among all participants. Exceeding the allowed hours risks disallowance.

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

• CCC	\$2,231.19
• Environmental Defence	\$1,954.68
• Pollution Probe	\$1,318.43
• SEC	\$39,147.15
• VECC	\$22,761.82

The OEB is also ordering recovery from licensed electricity distributors of an amount of \$73,910.00 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 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 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 December 2, 2025

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	Consumers Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$444.20	\$389.15	\$262.48	\$7,793.61	\$4,531.54	\$13,420.98	\$14,714.37	\$28,135.35
Algoma Power Inc.	\$5.09	\$4.46	\$3.01	\$89.28	\$51.91	\$153.75	\$168.56	\$322.31
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$0.67	\$0.59	\$0.39	\$11.72	\$6.81	\$20.18	\$22.13	\$42.31
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$15.40	\$13.49	\$9.10	\$270.19	\$157.10	\$465.28	\$510.11	\$975.39
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$28.42	\$24.90	\$16.79	\$498.65	\$289.94	\$858.70	\$941.45	\$1,800.15
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$12.56	\$11.00	\$7.42	\$220.32	\$128.10	\$379.40	\$415.97	\$795.37
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$3.08	\$2.70	\$1.82	\$54.00	\$31.40	\$93.00	\$101.95	\$194.95
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$1.06	\$0.93	\$0.63	\$18.64	\$10.84	\$32.10	\$35.20	\$67.30
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$5.13	\$4.49	\$3.03	\$89.97	\$52.31	\$154.93	\$169.87	\$324.80
Elexicon Energy Inc.	\$71.86	\$62.95	\$42.46	\$1,260.78	\$733.07	\$2,171.12	\$2,380.37	\$4,551.49
Enova Power Corp.	\$66.22	\$58.01	\$39.13	\$1,161.85	\$675.55	\$2,000.76	\$2,193.57	\$4,194.33
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$25.76	\$22.57	\$15.22	\$452.05	\$262.84	\$778.44	\$853.47	\$1,631.91
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$37.60	\$32.94	\$22.22	\$659.72	\$383.59	\$1,136.07	\$1,245.56	\$2,381.63
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	\$7.72	\$6.76	\$4.56	\$135.39	\$78.72	\$233.15	\$255.61	\$488.76

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Consumers Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total
ERTH Power Corporation	\$10.06	\$8.82	\$5.95	\$176.54	\$102.65	\$304.02	\$333.31	\$637.33
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$12.85	\$11.25	\$7.59	\$225.40	\$131.06	\$388.15	\$425.56	\$813.71
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$9.16	\$8.03	\$5.42	\$160.80	\$93.49	\$276.90	\$303.59	\$580.49
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$1.54	\$1.35	\$0.91	\$27.10	\$15.76	\$46.66	\$51.17	\$97.83
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	\$45.82	\$40.14	\$27.07	\$803.90	\$467.42	\$1,384.35	\$1,517.78	\$2,902.13
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$19.79	\$17.34	\$11.69	\$347.22	\$201.89	\$597.93	\$655.56	\$1,253.49
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$4.90	\$4.29	\$2.89	\$85.93	\$49.97	\$147.98	\$162.24	\$310.22
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$9.45	\$8.28	\$5.59	\$165.84	\$96.43	\$285.59	\$313.11	\$598.70
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$1.12	\$0.98	\$0.66	\$19.69	\$11.45	\$33.90	\$37.18	\$71.08
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$0.52	\$0.46	\$0.31	\$9.18	\$5.34	\$15.81	\$17.33	\$33.14
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$2.32	\$2.03	\$1.37	\$40.74	\$23.69	\$70.15	\$76.91	\$147.06
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$594.71	\$521.01	\$351.42	\$10,434.38	\$6,066.99	\$17,968.51	\$19,700.16	\$37,668.67
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	\$1.82	\$1.59	\$1.07	\$31.85	\$18.52	\$54.85	\$60.13	\$114.98
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$148.09	\$129.74	\$87.51	\$2,598.27	\$1,510.74	\$4,474.35	\$4,905.55	\$9,379.90
Innpower Corporation	\$8.46	\$7.42	\$5.00	\$148.50	\$86.35	\$255.73	\$280.38	\$536.11
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$11.55	\$10.12	\$6.82	\$202.65	\$117.83	\$348.97	\$382.60	\$731.57

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Consumers Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$4.47	\$3.92	\$2.64	\$78.44	\$45.61	\$135.08	\$148.10	\$283.18
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$5.92	\$5.19	\$3.50	\$103.89	\$60.41	\$178.91	\$196.15	\$375.06
London Hydro Inc.	\$68.51	\$60.02	\$40.48	\$1,202.08	\$698.94	\$2,070.03	\$2,269.53	\$4,339.56
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$17.59	\$15.41	\$10.39	\$308.65	\$179.46	\$531.50	\$582.73	\$1,114.23
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$18.48	\$16.19	\$10.92	\$324.29	\$188.56	\$558.44	\$612.27	\$1,170.71
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$24.02	\$21.05	\$14.20	\$421.50	\$245.08	\$725.85	\$795.79	\$1,521.64
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$4.05	\$3.55	\$2.39	\$71.06	\$41.32	\$122.37	\$134.17	\$256.54
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$11.42	\$10.01	\$6.75	\$200.38	\$116.51	\$345.07	\$378.31	\$723.38
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$2.45	\$2.15	\$1.45	\$43.01	\$25.01	\$74.07	\$81.20	\$155.27
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$31.31	\$27.43	\$18.50	\$549.36	\$319.42	\$946.02	\$1,037.20	\$1,983.22
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$5.30	\$4.64	\$3.13	\$93.00	\$54.07	\$160.14	\$175.58	\$335.72
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$25.10	\$21.99	\$14.83	\$440.44	\$256.09	\$758.45	\$831.56	\$1,590.01
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$4.80	\$4.21	\$2.84	\$84.25	\$48.99	\$145.09	\$159.07	\$304.16
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$14.00	\$12.27	\$8.27	\$245.69	\$142.86	\$423.09	\$463.87	\$886.96
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$1.81	\$1.58	\$1.07	\$31.74	\$18.45	\$54.65	\$59.92	\$114.57
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$2.47	\$2.16	\$1.46	\$43.29	\$25.17	\$74.55	\$81.74	\$156.29

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Consumers Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$1.20	\$1.05	\$0.71	\$21.10	\$12.27	\$36.33	\$39.84	\$76.17
Synergy North Corporation	\$23.56	\$20.64	\$13.92	\$413.29	\$240.30	\$711.71	\$780.29	\$1,492.00
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$3.38	\$2.96	\$2.00	\$59.28	\$34.47	\$102.09	\$111.93	\$214.02
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$326.20	\$285.74	\$192.77	\$5,723.02	\$3,327.58	\$9,855.31	\$10,804.98	\$20,660.29
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$6.13	\$5.37	\$3.62	\$107.60	\$62.56	\$185.28	\$203.15	\$388.43
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$10.34	\$9.06	\$6.11	\$181.44	\$105.50	\$312.45	\$342.57	\$655.02
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$1.67	\$1.47	\$0.99	\$29.34	\$17.06	\$50.53	\$55.40	\$105.93
Westario Power Inc.	\$10.08	\$8.83	\$5.96	\$176.85	\$102.83	\$304.55	\$333.90	\$638.45
Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator Total	\$2,231.19	\$1,954.68	\$1,318.43	\$39,147.15	\$22,761.82	\$67,413.27	\$73,910.00	\$141,323.27

Grand Total	\$2,231.19	\$1,954.68	\$1,318.43	\$39,147.15	\$22,761.82	\$67,413.27	\$73,910.00	\$141,323.27
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Note: Total costs of \$33.45 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. Please refer to the breakdown below.

Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$13.77
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$8.20
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$11.48
Total	\$33.45