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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

## **EB-2025-0083**

### **Framework for Energy Innovation 2.0: Non- Wires Solution Incentives (Margin on Payments)**

**By Delegation Before: Theodore Antonopoulos  
Vice President,  
Major Applications**

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**February 24, 2026**

## OVERVIEW

On May 16, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [Notice of Proposal to amend the Distribution System Code](#) (the Notice). The proposed amendments establish a methodology for the setting of rates to include a margin on payments incentive related to the use third-party distributed energy resources as non-wires solutions to meet an electricity distribution system need. The OEB invited written comments from all interested parties on the proposed amendments set out in Appendix A of the Notice.

The Notice indicated that under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), cost awards will be available in relation to providing written comments on the proposed amendments, to a maximum of 5 hours. The Notice also indicated that any costs awarded would be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors.

In a May 30, 2025, [Decision on Cost Eligibility](#), the OEB determined that the following organizations are eligible for cost awards:

- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

On December 10, 2025, the OEB issued a [Notice of Hearing](#) to invite eligible participants to submit cost claims. The OEB received cost claims from CCC, Energy Probe, Pollution Probe and SEC. No objections were received from rate-regulated electricity distributors.

## OEB 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 cost claims of CCC, Energy Probe, Pollution Probe and SEC are reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards.

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

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|-------------------|------------|
| • CCC             | \$1,711.95 |
| • Energy Probe    | \$2,028.35 |
| • Pollution Probe | \$1,622.68 |
| • SEC             | \$1,711.95 |

The OEB is also ordering recovery from rate-regulated electricity distributors of an amount of \$149,000.00 for the OEB's costs of and incidental to this consultation.

### **PROCESS FOR PAYING THE COST AWARDS**

The amount payable by each rate-regulated electricity distributor in relation to costs awarded to each eligible participant 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 proceeding.

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. The payment shall be due at the same time as all other cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the OEB Act, 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 February 24, 2026

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**



Theodore Antonopoulos  
Vice President, Major Applications

## SCHEDULE A

### Decision and Order on Cost Awards EB-2025-0083

Electricity Distribution System Operator	Consumers Council of Canada	Energy Probe	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$ 337.58	\$ 399.97	\$ 319.98	\$ 337.58	\$ 1,395.11	\$ 29,381.58	\$ 30,776.69
Algoma Power Inc.	\$ 3.89	\$ 4.61	\$ 3.69	\$ 3.89	\$ 16.08	\$ 338.40	\$ 354.48
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.50	\$ 2.08	\$ 43.82	\$ 45.90
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$ 11.63	\$ 13.77	\$ 11.02	\$ 11.63	\$ 48.05	\$ 1,011.80	\$ 1,059.85
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$ 21.62	\$ 25.62	\$ 20.49	\$ 21.62	\$ 89.35	\$ 1,881.66	\$ 1,971.01
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$ 9.61	\$ 11.39	\$ 9.11	\$ 9.61	\$ 39.72	\$ 836.40	\$ 876.12
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.78	\$ 2.23	\$ 2.35	\$ 9.71	\$ 204.31	\$ 214.02
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$ 0.84	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.84	\$ 3.48	\$ 73.17	\$ 76.65
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$ 3.96	\$ 4.69	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.96	\$ 16.36	\$ 344.68	\$ 361.04
Elexicon Energy Inc.	\$ 55.64	\$ 65.92	\$ 52.74	\$ 55.64	\$ 229.94	\$ 4,842.49	\$ 5,072.43
Enova Power Corp.	\$ 50.79	\$ 60.17	\$ 48.14	\$ 50.79	\$ 209.89	\$ 4,420.29	\$ 4,630.18
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$ 19.73	\$ 23.38	\$ 18.70	\$ 19.73	\$ 81.54	\$ 1,717.24	\$ 1,798.78
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$ 28.59	\$ 33.88	\$ 27.10	\$ 28.59	\$ 118.16	\$ 2,488.75	\$ 2,606.91
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	\$ 5.92	\$ 7.02	\$ 5.61	\$ 5.92	\$ 24.47	\$ 515.37	\$ 539.84
ERTH Power Corporation	\$ 7.76	\$ 9.19	\$ 7.35	\$ 7.76	\$ 32.06	\$ 675.13	\$ 707.19
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$ 9.80	\$ 11.62	\$ 9.29	\$ 9.80	\$ 40.51	\$ 853.25	\$ 893.76
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$ 7.02	\$ 8.32	\$ 6.65	\$ 7.02	\$ 29.01	\$ 610.83	\$ 639.84
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.38	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.16	\$ 4.80	\$ 101.30	\$ 106.10
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	\$ 35.84	\$ 42.47	\$ 33.97	\$ 35.84	\$ 148.12	\$ 3,119.43	\$ 3,267.55
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$ 14.99	\$ 17.76	\$ 14.21	\$ 14.99	\$ 61.95	\$ 1,304.64	\$ 1,366.59
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$ 3.71	\$ 4.40	\$ 3.52	\$ 3.71	\$ 15.34	\$ 323.12	\$ 338.46
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$ 7.19	\$ 8.52	\$ 6.81	\$ 7.19	\$ 29.71	\$ 625.62	\$ 655.33
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.99	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.83	\$ 3.44	\$ 72.50	\$ 75.94
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.65	\$ 34.62	\$ 36.27
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$ 1.76	\$ 2.08	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.76	\$ 7.27	\$ 153.00	\$ 160.27
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$ 459.19	\$ 544.06	\$ 435.25	\$ 459.19	\$ 1,897.69	\$ 39,966.04	\$ 41,863.73
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.92	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.62	\$ 6.70	\$ 141.20	\$ 147.90
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$ 115.54	\$ 136.89	\$ 109.51	\$ 115.54	\$ 477.48	\$ 10,055.98	\$ 10,533.46
Innpower Corporation	\$ 7.31	\$ 8.66	\$ 6.92	\$ 7.31	\$ 30.20	\$ 635.82	\$ 666.02
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$ 8.83	\$ 10.47	\$ 8.37	\$ 8.83	\$ 36.50	\$ 768.85	\$ 805.35
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$ 3.53	\$ 4.19	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.53	\$ 14.60	\$ 307.59	\$ 322.19
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 4.59	\$ 5.44	\$ 4.35	\$ 4.59	\$ 18.97	\$ 399.62	\$ 418.59

Electricity Distribution System Operator	Consumers Council of Canada	Energy Probe	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total
London Hydro Inc.	\$ 52.28	\$ 61.95	\$ 49.56	\$ 52.28	\$ 216.07	\$ 4,550.54	\$ 4,766.61
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$ 13.70	\$ 16.23	\$ 12.98	\$ 13.70	\$ 56.61	\$ 1,192.03	\$ 1,248.64
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 14.00	\$ 16.59	\$ 13.27	\$ 14.00	\$ 57.86	\$ 1,218.33	\$ 1,276.19
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$ 18.39	\$ 21.79	\$ 17.43	\$ 18.39	\$ 76.00	\$ 1,600.52	\$ 1,676.52
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$ 3.13	\$ 3.71	\$ 2.97	\$ 3.13	\$ 12.94	\$ 272.75	\$ 285.69
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$ 8.66	\$ 10.26	\$ 8.20	\$ 8.66	\$ 35.78	\$ 753.41	\$ 789.19
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$ 1.85	\$ 2.19	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.85	\$ 7.64	\$ 161.00	\$ 168.64
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$ 24.36	\$ 28.86	\$ 23.09	\$ 24.36	\$ 100.67	\$ 2,119.86	\$ 2,220.53
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$ 4.05	\$ 4.79	\$ 3.84	\$ 4.05	\$ 16.73	\$ 352.22	\$ 368.95
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$ 19.54	\$ 23.15	\$ 18.52	\$ 19.54	\$ 80.75	\$ 1,700.93	\$ 1,781.68
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$ 3.66	\$ 4.34	\$ 3.47	\$ 3.66	\$ 15.13	\$ 318.52	\$ 333.65
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$ 10.61	\$ 12.57	\$ 10.06	\$ 10.61	\$ 43.85	\$ 923.56	\$ 967.41
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.63	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.37	\$ 5.67	\$ 119.51	\$ 125.18
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$ 1.89	\$ 2.24	\$ 1.79	\$ 1.89	\$ 7.81	\$ 164.30	\$ 172.11
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.09	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.92	\$ 3.81	\$ 80.42	\$ 84.23
Synergy North Corporation	\$ 17.83	\$ 21.13	\$ 16.90	\$ 17.83	\$ 73.69	\$ 1,551.97	\$ 1,625.66
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$ 2.66	\$ 3.15	\$ 2.52	\$ 2.66	\$ 10.99	\$ 231.36	\$ 242.35
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$ 247.22	\$ 292.85	\$ 234.33	\$ 247.22	\$ 1,021.62	\$ 21,515.75	\$ 22,537.37
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$ 4.87	\$ 5.77	\$ 4.62	\$ 4.87	\$ 20.13	\$ 424.02	\$ 444.15
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$ 8.16	\$ 9.67	\$ 7.73	\$ 8.16	\$ 33.72	\$ 710.16	\$ 743.88
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.36	\$ 5.63	\$ 118.70	\$ 124.33
Westario Power Inc.	\$ 7.72	\$ 9.14	\$ 7.31	\$ 7.72	\$ 31.89	\$ 671.64	\$ 703.53

<b>Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,711.95</b>	<b>\$ 2,028.35</b>	<b>\$ 1,622.68</b>	<b>\$ 1,711.95</b>	<b>\$ 7,074.93</b>	<b>\$ 149,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 156,074.93</b>
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,711.95</b>	<b>\$ 2,028.35</b>	<b>\$ 1,622.68</b>	<b>\$ 1,711.95</b>	<b>\$ 7,074.93</b>	<b>\$ 149,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 156,074.93</b>
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Note: Participant costs totaling \$ 37.75 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)

Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$	15.11
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$	9.73
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$	12.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>37.75</b>