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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2025-0216

STREAMLINING TRANSMISSION CONNECTIONS

By Delegation Before: Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice-President
Natural Gas & Energy Integration

June 19, 2026

OVERVIEW

On July 31, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) commencing a review of electricity transmitter processes and requirements for connecting load customers in response to the Minister of Energy and Mines' [Integrated Energy Plan Directive](#). In its letter of October 1, 2025, the OEB established a Working Group composed of load customers, transmitters and IESO representatives from across the energy sector to support OEB staff in its review.

In its August 29, 2025 letter, the OEB also indicated that:

- cost awards would be available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for their participation on the Working Group and that costs awarded would be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity transmitters apportioned amongst them based on customer numbers; and
- cost awards would be available to a maximum of actual Working Group meeting time plus 1.5 times the actual meeting time for preparation and reporting.

In its August 26, 2025, Decision on Cost Eligibility, the OEB determined that the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO) is eligible for a cost award.

On April 1, 2026, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (Notice). The Notice included, among other things, cost eligible activities that occurred from August 15, 2025 to November 4, 2025.

The OEB received a cost claim from AMPCO on April 20, 2026. No objections to the cost claim were received from electricity transmitters.

This Decision and Order is being issued under delegated without a hearing pursuant to sections 6 and 30 of the OEB Act.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (Practice Direction) and do not exceed the maximum number of hours for which cost awards are eligible as set out in the OEB's April 1, 2026 letter.

The OEB finds that the cost claim of AMPCO is within the maximum allowable number of hours and is reasonable. The OEB approves AMPCO's cost award for \$5,172.29 and shall be reimbursed by electricity transmitters as outlined below.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The cost award amount payable by rate-regulated electricity transmitters to each eligible participant is set out in Schedule A to this Decision and Order.

The OEB collects and distributes payments for costs awarded in consultations through its clearing-house process, where each electricity transmitter receives one invoice that may cover several 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. Each eligible participant will receive payment once 80% of the costs have been recovered by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Each rate-regulated electricity transmitter shall pay the amounts set out in Schedule A under the column Total Cost Awards, upon receipt of an invoice from the OEB that includes those costs. The payment shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act.
2. Each rate regulated electricity transmitter shall pay their portion of the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto June 19, 2026

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Schedule A
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Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Total Cost Awards
B2M Limited Partnership	\$ 84.04	\$ 84.04
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$ 4,800.16	\$ 4,800.16
Hydro One Sault Ste Marie Inc. on behalf of Hydro One Sault Ste Marie LP	\$ 109.96	\$ 109.96
Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc.	\$ 178.13	\$ 178.13
Electricity Transmission Total	\$ 5,172.29	\$ 5,172.29

Note: Participant costs totaling \$50.98 were reallocated from the three rate-regulated electricity transmitters noted below that are liable to pay cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act to the rate-regulated electricity transmitters listed in the table above to avoid any transmitter 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).

Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$ 11.49
Five Nations Energy Inc.	\$ 19.53
Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership	\$ 19.96
Total	\$ 50.98