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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2025-0108

Spending Pattern Analysis

By Delegation Before: Ritchie Murray
Registrar

August 10, 2026

OVERVIEW

On April 1, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a letter initiating the Spending Pattern Analysis consultation (SPA). The SPA consultation was intended to result in improvements to the OEB's regulatory oversight of spending trends and capitalization policies in Ontario's electricity sector. The letter indicated that cost awards will be available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (OEB Act), for participation in the SPA consultation, and that costs would be recovered from all licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors. The letter also listed the consultation activities eligible for cost awards as well as the maximum number of hours that can be claimed for each, as follows:

Activity Eligible for Cost Awards	**Maximum Number of Hours**
Preparation for the April 25, 2025 stakeholder meeting	2 hours
Attendance and participation in the April 25, 2025 stakeholder meeting	1.5 hours
Attendance at follow-up interview session (applicable only to those contacted by PEG for follow-up interviews) (May 16, 2025)	2 hours
Completion of surveys (May 23, 2025)	2 hours
Provide written comments (May 30, 2025)	2 hours
Provide written comments on the draft report of the Board (February 13, 2026)	3 hours

In its April 24, 2025 Decision on Cost Eligibility the OEB confirmed that the following participants, are eligible for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (Practice Direction):

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On June 11, 2026, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards which set out, among other matters, the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from CCC, Energy Probe, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC. No objections to the cost claims filed by eligible participants were received from licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors.

This cost eligibility decision is being issued by delegated authority under 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. The OEB finds that the claims are reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards as set out in the Notice of Hearing.

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

- CCC $3,252.71
- Energy Probe $1,014.18
- Pollution Probe $3,245.37
- SEC $3,286.95
- VECC $1,865.72

The OEB also approves the amount of $ 418,860.00 for recovery from licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors associated with the OEB's costs of and incidental to this proceeding. This cost relates to the work undertaken by Pacific Economics Group in examining Ontario electricity distributors' spending patterns and capitalization policies under the current rate framework.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each licensed rate-regulated distributor in relation to costs awarded to each eligible participant is listed 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 licensed rate-regulated electricity distributor receives one invoice that may cover several proceedings and consultations, including this consultation. 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 licensed rate-regulated electricity distributor listed 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 OEB Act, each licensed rate-regulated electricity distributor shall pay the OEB's costs of and incidental to this consultation upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto August 10, 2026

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Registrar

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Schedule A

OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards

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Electricity Distribution System Operator	Consumers Council of Canada	Energy Probe Research Foundation	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Cost	Total
Alectra Utilities Corporation	$641.25	$199.94	$639.81	$648.00	$367.82	$2,496.82	$82,575.79	$85,072.61
Algoma Power Inc.	$7.39	$2.30	$7.37	$7.46	$4.24	$28.76	$951.06	$979.82
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	$0.96	$0.30	$0.95	$0.97	$0.55	$3.73	$123.16	$126.89
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	$0.31	$0.10	$0.31	$0.32	$0.18	$1.22	$40.52	$41.74
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	$22.08	$6.89	$22.03	$22.31	$12.67	$85.98	$2,843.61	$2,929.59
Burlington Hydro Inc.	$41.07	$12.80	$40.97	$41.50	$23.56	$159.90	$5,288.32	$5,448.22
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	$18.25	$5.69	$18.21	$18.45	$10.47	$71.07	$2,350.67	$2,421.74
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	$4.46	$1.39	$4.45	$4.51	$2.56	$17.37	$574.21	$591.58
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	$1.60	$0.50	$1.59	$1.61	$0.92	$6.22	$205.65	$211.87
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	$7.52	$2.35	$7.51	$7.60	$4.31	$29.29	$968.70	$997.99
Elexicon Energy Inc.	$105.69	$32.95	$105.45	$106.80	$60.62	$411.51	$13,609.63	$14,021.14
Enova Power Corp.	$96.47	$30.08	$96.26	$97.49	$55.34	$375.64	$12,423.05	$12,798.69

Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	$37.48	$11.69	$37.39	$37.87	$21.50	$145.93	$4,826.25	$4,972.18
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	$54.32	$16.94	$54.19	$54.89	$31.16	$211.50	$6,994.53	$7,206.03
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	$11.25	$3.51	$11.22	$11.37	$6.45	$43.80	$1,448.41	$1,492.21
ERTH Power Corporation	$14.73	$4.59	$14.70	$14.89	$8.45	$57.36	$1,897.41	$1,954.77
Essex Powerlines Corporation	$18.62	$5.81	$18.58	$18.82	$10.68	$72.51	$2,398.03	$2,470.54
Festival Hydro Inc.	$13.33	$4.16	$13.30	$13.47	$7.65	$51.91	$1,716.70	$1,768.61
Fort Albany Power Corporation	$0.20	$0.06	$0.20	$0.20	$0.12	$0.78	$26.08	$26.86
Fort Frances Power Corporation	$2.21	$0.69	$2.21	$2.23	$1.27	$8.61	$284.71	$293.32
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	$68.08	$21.23	$67.93	$68.80	$39.05	$265.09	$8,767.04	$9,032.13
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	$28.47	$8.88	$28.41	$28.77	$16.33	$110.86	$3,666.65	$3,777.51
Grimsby Power Incorporated	$7.05	$2.20	$7.04	$7.13	$4.04	$27.46	$908.11	$935.57
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	$13.65	$4.26	$13.62	$13.80	$7.83	$53.16	$1,758.29	$1,811.45
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	$1.58	$0.49	$1.58	$1.60	$0.91	$6.16	$203.74	$209.90
Hydro 2000 Inc.	$0.76	$0.24	$0.75	$0.76	$0.43	$2.94	$97.31	$100.25
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	$3.34	$1.04	$3.33	$3.37	$1.92	$13.00	$429.99	$442.99
Hydro One Networks Inc.	$872.26	$271.97	$870.29	$881.44	$500.32	$3,396.28	$112,323.01	$115,719.29
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	$3.08	$0.96	$3.07	$3.11	$1.77	$11.99	$396.85	$408.84
Hydro Ottawa Limited	$219.47	$68.43	$218.98	$221.78	$125.89	$854.55	$28,261.94	$29,116.49

Innpower Corporation	$13.88	$4.33	$13.85	$14.02	$7.96	$54.04	$1,786.95	$1,840.99
Kashechewan Power Corporation	$0.27	$0.08	$0.27	$0.27	$0.15	$1.04	$34.67	$35.71
Kingston Hydro Corporation	$16.78	$5.23	$16.74	$16.96	$9.62	$65.33	$2,160.84	$2,226.17
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	$6.71	$2.09	$6.70	$6.78	$3.85	$26.13	$864.47	$890.60
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	$8.72	$2.72	$8.70	$8.81	$5.00	$33.95	$1,123.11	$1,157.06
London Hydro Inc.	$99.32	$30.97	$99.09	$100.36	$56.97	$386.71	$12,789.10	$13,175.81
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	$26.02	$8.11	$25.96	$26.29	$14.92	$101.30	$3,350.16	$3,451.46
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	$26.59	$8.29	$26.53	$26.87	$15.25	$103.53	$3,424.06	$3,527.59
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	$34.93	$10.89	$34.85	$35.30	$20.04	$136.01	$4,498.20	$4,634.21
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	$5.95	$1.86	$5.94	$6.02	$3.41	$23.18	$766.55	$789.73
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	$16.44	$5.13	$16.41	$16.62	$9.43	$64.03	$2,117.43	$2,181.46
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	$3.51	$1.10	$3.51	$3.55	$2.02	$13.69	$452.50	$466.19
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	$46.27	$14.43	$46.16	$46.75	$26.54	$180.15	$5,957.79	$6,137.94
Orangeville Hydro Limited	$7.69	$2.40	$7.67	$7.77	$4.41	$29.94	$989.91	$1,019.85
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	$37.12	$11.57	$37.04	$37.51	$21.29	$144.53	$4,780.40	$4,924.93
Ottawa River Power Corporation	$6.95	$2.17	$6.94	$7.02	$3.99	$27.07	$895.19	$922.26

PUC Distribution Inc.	$20.16	$6.28	$20.11	$20.37	$11.56	$78.48	$2,595.62	$2,674.10
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	$2.61	$0.81	$2.60	$2.64	$1.50	$10.16	$335.88	$346.04
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	$3.59	$1.12	$3.58	$3.62	$2.06	$13.97	$461.77	$475.74
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	$1.76	$0.55	$1.75	$1.77	$1.01	$6.84	$226.02	$232.86
Synergy North Corporation	$33.87	$10.56	$33.80	$34.23	$19.43	$131.89	$4,361.74	$4,493.63
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	$5.05	$1.57	$5.04	$5.10	$2.90	$19.66	$650.24	$669.90
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	$469.59	$146.38	$468.53	$474.56	$269.30	$1,828.36	$60,469.24	$62,297.60
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	$9.25	$2.89	$9.23	$9.35	$5.31	$36.03	$1,191.68	$1,227.71
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	$15.50	$4.83	$15.46	$15.66	$8.89	$60.34	$1,995.86	$2,056.20
Wellington North Power Inc.	$2.59	$0.81	$2.58	$2.62	$1.49	$10.09	$333.59	$343.68
Westario Power Inc.	$14.66	$4.57	$14.63	$14.81	$8.41	$57.08	$1,887.61	$1,944.69
Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator Total	**$3,252.71**	**$1,014.18**	**$3,245.37**	**$3,286.95**	**$1,865.72**	**$12,664.93**	**$418,860.00**	**$431,524.93**
Grand Total	$3,252.71	$1,014.18	$3,245.37	$3,286.95	$1,865.72	$12,664.93	$418,860.00	$431,524.93