



**EB-2011-0043**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O., 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** cost awards for eligible participants participating as members of the Regional Planning Standing Committee.

**BEFORE:** Marika Hare  
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel  
Board Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**  
**June 16, 2015**

**BACKGROUND**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has established a Regional Planning Standing Committee to provide the OEB with on-going assistance related to the review and maintenance of the regional infrastructure planning process.

In its August 18, 2014 letter, the OEB indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy OEB Act, 1998* (the Act) in relation to their participation in Regional Planning Standing Committee activities, and that costs awarded, as well any OEB costs, will be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors and all rate-regulated electricity transmitters. In its May 5, 2015 Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards and Decision on Apportionment of Cost Award Recovery (the Notice), the OEB determined that costs awarded will be apportioned as follows: (a) 60% of the costs awarded will be recovered from rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors and apportioned amongst them based on their respective distribution revenues; and (b) 40% of the costs awarded will be recovered from rate-regulated licensed electricity transmitters and apportioned amongst them based on their respective transmission revenues.

## Eligible Participants and Eligible Activities

In its August 18, 2014 letter, the OEB indicated that cost award eligibility would be allowed for actual time spent in each meeting, plus up to a maximum of three hours for preparation and reporting.

In its Decision on Cost Eligibility dated January 22, 2015, the OEB determined that the following participants are eligible for an award of costs in relation to their participation in the work of the Regional Planning Standing Committee: the Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO), Mr. Iain Angus and Mr. Ray Quinn. In that Decision, the OEB noted that cost award eligibility for Mr. Angus and Mr. Quinn is limited to the recovery of expenses incurred to attend meetings, including airfare, overnight accommodation and meals or alternatively in relation to expenses incurred to participate in a meeting remotely by telecommunication facility.

In the Notice, the OEB established a process for addressing cost awards associated with Regional Planning Standing Committee activities to the end of April 2015. The OEB received cost claims from Mr. Iain Angus and Mr. Ray Quinn. No objections to these cost claims were received. By letter dated May 7, 2015, APPrO stated that it did not intend to submit any claim for costs incurred during the period August 18, 2014 through April 31, 2015.

## OEB Findings on the Cost Claims of the Eligible Participants

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims and finds that the claims filed by Mr. Angus and Mr. Quinn are in accordance with the OEB's January 22, 2015 Decision on Cost Eligibility. The claim filed by Mr. Angus requires a minor reduction to comply with the *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive* as required by the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The OEB otherwise finds that these eligible participants are entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in the work of the Regional Planning Standing Committee.

## Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* to implement the payment of the cost awards. Therefore, the OEB will act as a

clearing house for all payments of cost awards relating to this proceeding. Invoices will be issued to all rate-regulated electricity distributors and all rate-regulated electricity transmitters at the same time as invoices for cost assessments are made under section 26 of the Act. The practice of the OEB is to issue to each rate-regulated electricity distributor and all rate-regulated electricity transmitter one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by that distributor for the relevant period. As a result, the invoice may cover cost awards payable in relation to a number of consultations, including this one.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. The amounts to be paid by each rate-regulated electricity distributor and rate-regulated electricity transmitter in relation to the costs awarded to each eligible participant are as set out in Appendix A to this Decision and Order.
2. The rate-regulated electricity distributors and rate-regulated electricity transmitters listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order shall pay the costs awarded to each of the eligible participants as set out in Appendix A.
3. The rate-regulated electricity distributors and rate-regulated electricity transmitters listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this consultation.
4. Payment of cost awards and of the OEB's costs referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 shall be made to the OEB in accordance with the invoice issued to each rate-regulated electricity distributor and rate-regulated electricity transmitter, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

**DATED** at Toronto, June 16, 2015  
**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Appendix A**  
**To**  
**the OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards**  
**Dated June 16, 2015**  
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**Cost Awards for Participation on the Regional Planning Standing Committee**

<b>Electricity Distributor</b>	<b>Iain Angus</b>	<b>Ray Quinn</b>	<b>Total</b>
Algoma Power Inc.	\$ 4.18	\$ 2.16	\$ 6.34
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.41
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.31
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.07	\$ 6.07
Brant County Power Inc.	\$ 1.23	\$ 0.64	\$ 1.87
Brantford Power Inc.	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.55	\$ 4.55
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$ 6.18	\$ 3.19	\$ 9.38
Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc.	\$ 5.24	\$ 2.71	\$ 7.95
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$ 3.68	\$ 1.90	\$ 5.57
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.03
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.26
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$ 3.73	\$ 1.93	\$ 5.65
Collus PowerStream Corp.	\$ 1.22	\$ 0.63	\$ 1.86
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.26
Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Ltd.	\$ 2.43	\$ 1.26	\$ 3.69
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.38	\$ 1.11
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	\$ 23.09	\$ 11.93	\$ 35.01
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$ 9.74	\$ 5.03	\$ 14.78
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.08	\$ 3.18
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.59
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$ 2.23	\$ 1.15	\$ 3.38
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$ 2.17	\$ 1.12	\$ 3.30
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.22
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.57
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$ 5.16	\$ 2.67	\$ 7.83
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.43	\$ 1.27
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	\$ 5.23	\$ 2.70	\$ 7.94
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	\$ 2.88	\$ 1.49	\$ 4.36
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$ 1.85	\$ 0.95	\$ 2.80
Horizon Utilities Corporation	\$ 20.75	\$ 10.72	\$ 31.48
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.46
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.34
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.15

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<b>Electricity Distributor</b>	<b>Iain Angus</b>	<b>Ray Quinn</b>	<b>Total</b>
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	\$ 13.15	\$ 6.79	\$ 19.94
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$ 250.91	\$ 129.63	\$ 380.54
Hydro One Remote Communities Incorporated	\$ 4.64	\$ 2.40	\$ 7.04
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$ 30.08	\$ 15.54	\$ 45.63
Innpower Corporation	\$ 1.51	\$ 0.78	\$ 2.29
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.30
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.86
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$ 2.57	\$ 1.33	\$ 3.89
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	\$ 7.87	\$ 4.07	\$ 11.93
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.37
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 1.63	\$ 0.84	\$ 2.47
London Hydro Inc.	\$ 12.71	\$ 6.57	\$ 19.28
Midland Power Utility Corporation	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.08
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$ 2.98	\$ 1.54	\$ 4.51
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 3.06	\$ 1.58	\$ 4.64
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$ 5.56	\$ 2.87	\$ 8.43
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.53	\$ 1.54
Norfolk Power Distribution Inc.	\$ 2.33	\$ 1.20	\$ 3.53
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$ 2.34	\$ 1.21	\$ 3.54
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.14
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$ 6.95	\$ 3.59	\$ 10.54
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.57	\$ 1.67
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	\$ 1.59	\$ 0.82	\$ 2.41
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$ 3.72	\$ 1.92	\$ 5.64
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.41	\$ 1.21
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	\$ 3.09	\$ 1.60	\$ 4.69
Powerstream Inc.	\$ 32.05	\$ 16.56	\$ 48.61
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$ 3.80	\$ 1.96	\$ 5.77
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.56
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.79
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	\$ 1.37	\$ 0.71	\$ 2.08
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.59
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$ 3.72	\$ 1.92	\$ 5.64
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.14
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$ 107.76	\$ 55.68	\$ 163.44
Veridian Connections Inc.	\$ 9.84	\$ 5.09	\$ 14.93
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.36	\$ 1.06
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	\$ 6.32	\$ 3.26	\$ 9.58

<b>Electricity Distributor</b>	<b>Iain Angus</b>	<b>Ray Quinn</b>	<b>Total</b>
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$ 1.75	\$ 0.91	\$ 2.66
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.73
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.78
Westario Power Inc.	\$ 2.05	\$ 1.06	\$ 3.12
Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation	\$ 4.53	\$ 2.34	\$ 6.88
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	\$ 1.71	\$ 0.88	\$ 2.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 656.05</b>	<b>\$ 338.95</b>	<b>\$ 995.00</b>

<b>Electricity Transmitter</b>	<b>Iain Angus</b>	<b>Ray Quinn</b>	<b>Total</b>
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$ 1.34	\$ 0.69	\$ 2.04
Five Nations Energy Inc.	\$ 1.85	\$ 0.96	\$ 2.81
Great Lakes Power Ltd.	\$ 10.97	\$ 5.67	\$ 16.63
Niagara West Transformation Corp.	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.31
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$ 422.99	\$ 218.55	\$ 641.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 437.36</b>	<b>\$ 225.97</b>	<b>\$ 663.33</b>