

SUPPLEMENTAL DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2016-0201

Activities Pursuant to the Regulated Price Plan Roadmap

By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson

June 24, 2020

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) Regulated Price Plan Roadmap (Roadmap) calls for the revamping of the Regulated Price Plan (RPP) to better respond to policy objectives, improve system efficiency, and give greater consumer control. It also commits the OEB to look at the way in which all Class B customers are charged for electricity in Ontario.

On February 28, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a staff research paper entitled [Examination of Alternative Price Designs for the Recovery of Global Adjustment Costs from Class B Consumers in Ontario](#) (Staff Paper) that describes analytical research evaluating a variety of generic global adjustment pricing options on the basis of economic efficiency and consumer bill impact.

The [cover letter](#) for the Staff Paper (Cover Letter) made provision for the following cost eligible activities: preparation, attendance and reporting on the associated stakeholder meeting (to a maximum of 6 hours) and written comments on the Staff Paper (to a maximum of 12 hours).

In the February 28, 2019 letter, the OEB stated that cost awards will be available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *OEB Act, 1998* and that costs will be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors.

The OEB issued Decisions on March 21, 2019 and April 11, 2019, that determined the following participants in this consultation process were eligible for cost awards:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

On February 26, 2020, the OEB issued a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (the Notice) in relation to cost eligible activities.

On March 27, 2020, the OEB Board issued the initial Decision and Order on Cost Awards approving the cost claims filed by AMPCO, LPMA and SEC.

Due to an administrative oversight, BOMA, CME and QMA were not made aware of the Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in the above-noted proceeding. CME filed its cost

claim on June 8, 2020 and QMA on June 15, 2020. By email, BOMA stated that it will not file a cost claim.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claim filed by CME and QMA to ensure they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that the CME and QMA claims are in accordance with the OEB's Cover Letter dated February 28, 2019 and the OEB's Notice dated February 26, 2020. The OEB finds that CME and QMA are entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB approves cost awards for CME in the amount of \$6,712.20 and QMA in the amount of \$2,161.13.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each rate-regulated licensed electricity distributor in relation to costs awarded to each Eligible Participant is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order. Costs awarded will be apportioned within the distributor class based on customer numbers. However, the amounts will not be paid directly by the distributor to the Eligible Participant.

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of the *Practice Direction* 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 consultation process. Invoices will be issued to distributors at the same time as the invoices for cost assessments are made under section 26 of the Act. The practice of the OEB is to issue to each distributor one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by the 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 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Each distributor listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall pay the amounts set out in Schedule A in relation to the costs awarded to each Eligible Participant.
2. Each distributor listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this consultation.

3. The payments referred to in paragraph 1 shall be made to the OEB in accordance with the invoice issued to each distributor, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

DATED at Toronto June 24, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Schedule A

OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards

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Dated : June 24, 2020

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Quinte Manufacturers Association	Total
Algoma Power Inc.	15.29	4.92	20.21
Alectra Utilities Corporation	1,328.53	427.75	1,756.28
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	2.14	0.69	2.83
Attawapiskat Power Corporation	0.67	0.21	0.88
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	47.68	15.35	63.03
Brantford Power Inc.	51.72	16.65	68.37
Burlington Hydro Inc.	87.80	28.27	116.07
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	37.88	12.20	50.08
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	9.02	2.90	11.92
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	1.61	0.52	2.13
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc	22.37	7.20	29.57
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	2.91	0.94	3.85
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	15.90	5.12	21.02
Energy+ Inc.	84.48	27.20	111.68
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	76.51	24.63	101.14
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	115.38	37.15	152.53
ERTH Power Corporation	29.75	9.58	39.33
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	4.29	1.38	5.67
Essex Powerlines Corporation	38.75	12.48	51.23
Elexion Energy	212.84	68.53	281.37
Festival Hydro Inc.	27.53	8.86	36.39
Fort Albany Power Corporation	0.39	0.12	0.51
Fort Frances Power Corporation	4.89	1.57	6.46
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	61.94	19.94	81.88
Grimsby Power Incorporated	14.82	4.77	19.59
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	29.03	9.35	38.38
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	7.22	2.33	9.55
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	3.52	1.13	4.65
Hydro 2000 Inc.	1.67	0.54	2.21
Hydro One Networks Inc.	1,722.76	554.71	2,277.47
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	4.71	1.52	6.23
Hydro Ottawa Limited	432.72	139.32	572.04
Innpower Corporation	22.54	7.26	29.80
Kashechewan Power Corporation	0.56	0.18	0.74
Kingston Hydro Corporation	36.00	11.59	47.59
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	124.66	40.14	164.80
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	13.49	4.34	17.83
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	17.63	5.68	23.31
London Hydro Inc.	205.15	66.05	271.20
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	49.71	16.00	65.71
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	56.19	18.09	74.28
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	71.38	22.98	94.36
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	12.21	3.93	16.14
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	31.47	10.13	41.60
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	7.78	2.51	10.29
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	91.94	29.60	121.54
Orangeville Hydro Limited	16.07	5.17	21.24
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	18.04	5.81	23.85
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	75.30	24.24	99.54
Ottawa River Power Corporation	14.50	4.67	19.17
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	48.30	15.55	63.85
PUC Distribution Inc.	43.79	14.10	57.89
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	5.60	1.80	7.40
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	7.69	2.48	10.17
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	3.68	1.19	4.87
Synergy North Corporation	73.62	23.70	97.32
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	9.32	3.00	12.32
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	1,001.37	322.41	1,323.78
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	17.71	5.70	23.41
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	74.26	23.91	98.17
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	30.12	9.70	39.82
Wellington North Power Inc.	4.92	1.58	6.50
Westario Power Inc.	30.48	9.81	40.29
Electricity Distribution Total	\$ 6,712.20	\$ 2,161.13	\$ 8,873.33