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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0180

OEB Innovation Sandbox Renewal Consultation

By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson

Vice President, Consumer Protection &
Industry Performance

March 24, 2022

OVERVIEW

On June 23, 2021, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) initiated the OEB Innovation Sandbox Renewal Consultation. This Decision addresses cost awards under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for eligible activities related to that consultation.

The OEB issued a [Decision](#) on July 21, 2021 that determined the following participants in this consultation process are eligible for cost awards (eligible participants):

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC)
- Pollution Probe (PP)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

In its letter dated June 23, 2021, the OEB established that costs awarded will be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors and transmitters and natural gas distributors (collectively, Rate-regulated Utilities). The OEB finds that the approved costs are to be apportioned amongst all of the Rate-regulated Utilities in the same manner as under the OEB's Cost Assessment Model.

Under the Cost Assessment Model revised in February 2016, cost assessments for distributors are based on customer numbers rather than revenues. As a result, the OEB has apportioned the approved cost awards within the distributor class based on customer numbers.

On February 17, 2022, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in which it set out the process for cost claims. The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, CME, CCC, OCC, PP and SEC. No objections were received.

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 that the claims are reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards. The OEB approves cost awards for the following eligible participants:

• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$3,076.43
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$1,771.28
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$2,610.30
• Ontario Chamber of Commerce	\$466.12
• Pollution Probe	\$3,729.00
• School Energy Coalition	\$3,356.10

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each Rate-regulated Utility 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 Rate-regulated Utilities 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 Rate-regulated Utility 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 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Each Rate-regulated Utility in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall make a payment to the OEB in accordance with the invoice set out in Schedule A. The payment shall be due at the same time as all other cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act.

DATED at Toronto March 24, 2022

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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Company	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Ontario Chamber of Commerce	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards Total
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Gas Distributor, Transmitter, Storage Company
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Enbridge Gas Inc	890.37	512.64	755.47	134.90	1,079.24	971.31	4,343.94
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Gas Distribution Total	890.37	512.64	755.47	134.90	1,079.24	971.31	4,343.94
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Electricity Distribution System
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Alectra Utilities Corporation	398.01	229.16	337.71	60.30	482.44	434.19	1,941.81
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	14.28	8.22	12.12	2.16	17.31	15.58	69.69
Brantford Power Inc.	15.50	8.92	13.15	2.35	18.78	16.90	75.60
Burlington Hydro Inc.	26.30	15.14	22.32	3.99	31.88	28.70	128.33

Electricity Distribution System							
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	11.35	6.53	9.63	1.72	13.76	12.38	55.37
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc	6.70	3.86	5.69	1.02	8.12	7.31	32.70
Energy+ Inc.	25.31	14.57	21.47	3.83	30.68	27.61	123.48
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	22.92	13.20	19.45	3.47	27.78	25.01	111.83
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	34.57	19.90	29.33	5.24	41.90	37.71	168.64
ERTH Power Corporation	8.91	5.13	7.56	1.35	10.80	9.72	43.48
Essex Powerlines Corporation	11.61	6.68	9.85	1.76	14.07	12.66	56.63
Elexicon Energy	63.76	36.71	54.10	9.66	77.29	69.56	311.09
Festival Hydro Inc.	8.25	4.75	7.00	1.25	10.00	9.00	40.24
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	18.56	10.68	15.74	2.81	22.49	20.24	90.53
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	8.70	5.01	7.38	1.32	10.54	9.49	42.43
Hydro One Networks Inc.	535.99	308.60	454.78	81.21	649.69	584.72	2,615.00
Hydro Ottawa Limited	129.64	74.64	110.00	19.64	157.14	141.42	632.47
Innpower Corporation	6.75	3.89	5.73	1.02	8.19	7.37	32.95
Kingston Hydro Corporation	10.79	6.21	9.15	1.63	13.07	11.77	52.62
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	37.35	21.50	31.69	5.66	45.27	40.74	182.21
London Hydro Inc.	61.46	35.39	52.15	9.31	74.50	67.05	299.86
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	14.89	8.57	12.64	2.26	18.05	16.25	72.65
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	16.83	9.69	14.28	2.55	20.40	18.36	82.13

Electricity Distribution System							
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	21.38	12.31	18.14	3.24	25.92	23.33	104.33
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	9.43	5.43	8.00	1.43	11.43	10.28	46.00
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	27.54	15.86	23.37	4.17	33.39	30.05	134.39
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	22.56	12.99	19.14	3.42	27.34	24.61	110.06
PUC Distribution Inc.	13.12	7.55	11.13	1.99	15.90	14.31	64.00
Synergy North Corporation	22.05	12.70	18.71	3.34	26.73	24.06	107.60
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	300.00	172.73	254.54	45.45	363.63	327.27	1,463.62
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	5.31	3.06	4.50	0.80	6.43	5.79	25.89
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	22.25	12.81	18.88	3.37	26.97	24.27	108.54
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	9.02	5.20	7.66	1.37	10.94	9.85	44.03
Westario Power Inc.	9.13	5.26	7.75	1.38	11.07	9.96	44.55
Electricity Distribution Total (80%)	1,950.23	1,122.86	1,654.74	295.49	2,363.91	2,127.52	9,514.74

Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator

Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie Inc. on behalf of Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP	6.11	3.52	5.19	0.93	7.41	6.67	29.82
Hydro One Networks Inc.	229.72	132.26	194.91	34.81	278.44	250.60	1,120.73
Electricity Transmission Total (20%)	235.83	135.78	200.10	35.73	285.85	257.27	1,150.55
Grand Total	3,076.43	1,771.28	2,610.30	466.12	3,729.00	3,356.10	15,009.23

**total intervenor costs of \$333.69 was reallocated to the companies listed in the Schedule A based on the s.26 Cost Assessment Model to eliminate charges under \$25. This option is in line with the Practice Direction on Cost Awards (section 12.02).*