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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

## **EB-2016-0201**

### **Stakeholder Engagements for the Regulated Price Plan Roadmap**

**By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson**

Vice President, Consumer Protection &  
Industry Performance

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**March 24, 2022**

## OVERVIEW

In 2021, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) conducted two engagements related to electricity pricing. This Decision addresses cost awards under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act) for eligible activities related to those engagements.

On December 14, 2020, the OEB issued a letter inviting non-Regulated Price Plan (RPP) Class B customers to meet with OEB staff to discuss the policy and economic merits of new alternative price designs for non-RPP Class B customers. Throughout January and February 2021, 11 meetings with 17 participating customer groups were conducted, producing valuable feedback and insight into the alternative price designs presented. The invitation letter made provision for cost awards for eligible participants of up to 3 hours for preparation and attendance at a stakeholder meeting.

On December 16, 2021, the OEB held a meeting to present and discuss the RPP Pilot Meta-Analysis Final Report. The Report provides an analysis of the results of four pilot projects testing ten alternative RPP price plans and non-price features, along with recommendations stemming from that analysis. The invitation letter made provision for cost awards of up to 12 hours for preparation, attendance and reporting on the stakeholder meeting for eligible participants.

The OEB issued Decisions on [March 21, 2019](#), [April 11, 2019](#), [March 4, 2021](#) and [December 13, 2021](#) that determined the following participants are eligible for cost awards in relation to these engagements:

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

In the invitation letters for both engagements, the OEB identified that costs would be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors. The OEB also established that the approved costs are to be apportioned amongst all licensed electricity distributors 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 3, 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 CME, CCC, OCC and SEC. AMPCO, BOMA, LPMA and QMA did not file a cost claim. 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:

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| • Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters | \$2,983.20 |
| • Consumers Council of Canada        | \$2,610.30 |
| • Ontario Chamber of Commerce        | \$3,169.65 |
| • School Energy Coalition            | \$836.20   |

The OEB also approves an amount of \$161,632.45 for recovery from licensed electricity distributors associated with the OEB's costs incidental to this consultation incurred between August 1, 2020 and March 21, 2022.

## Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each licensed electricity distributor 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 licensed electricity distributor 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 licensed electricity distributor 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 licensed electricity distributor 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	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumer Council of Canada	Ontario Chamber of Commerce	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	OEB Costs (As of Feb 28, 2022) ***	Total Costs
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<b>Electricity Distribution System</b>
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Algoma Power Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	368.22	368.22
Alectra Utilities Corporation	607.18	531.28	645.13	170.19	1,953.78	31,999.20	33,952.98
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	51.45	51.45
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	21.79	19.07	23.15	6.11	70.12	1,148.41	1,218.53
Brantford Power Inc.	23.64	20.68	25.12	6.63	76.07	1,245.83	1,321.89
Burlington Hydro Inc.	40.13	35.11	42.64	11.25	129.12	2,114.80	2,243.92
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	17.31	15.15	18.40	4.85	55.71	912.49	968.20
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	-	-	-	-	-	217.21	217.21
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	-	-	-	-	-	38.72	38.72
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc	10.23	8.95	10.86	2.87	32.90	538.89	571.79
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	70.02	70.02
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	382.86	382.86
Energy+ Inc.	38.61	33.78	41.02	10.82	124.24	2,034.80	2,159.04
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	34.97	30.60	37.15	9.80	112.52	1,842.86	1,955.38
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	52.73	46.14	56.03	14.78	169.68	2,779.08	2,948.77
ERTH Power Corporation	13.60	11.90	14.44	3.81	43.75	716.48	760.23
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	-	-	-	-	-	103.43	103.43
Essex Powerlines Corporation	17.71	15.50	18.82	4.96	56.98	933.29	990.27
Elexicon Energy	97.28	85.12	103.36	27.27	313.01	5,126.55	5,439.56
Festival Hydro Inc.	12.58	11.01	13.37	3.53	40.49	663.10	703.59
Fort Frances Power Corporation	-	-	-	-	-	117.73	117.73
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	28.31	24.77	30.08	7.93	91.09	1,491.83	1,582.91
Grimsby Power Incorporated	-	-	-	-	-	356.92	356.92
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	13.27	11.61	14.10	3.72	42.69	699.21	741.90
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	174.01	174.01
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	-	-	-	-	-	84.83	84.83
Hydro 2000 Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	40.26	40.26
Hydro One Networks Inc.	817.68	715.47	868.78	229.20	2,631.12	43,092.75	45,723.87
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	113.35	113.35
Hydro Ottawa Limited	197.77	173.05	210.13	55.43	636.37	10,422.60	11,058.97
Innpower Corporation	10.30	9.01	10.95	2.89	33.15	542.97	576.12
Kingston Hydro Corporation	16.45	14.40	17.48	4.61	52.95	867.15	920.09
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	56.97	49.85	60.54	15.97	183.33	3,002.64	3,185.97
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	324.87	324.87
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	8.06	7.05	8.56	2.26	25.93	424.68	450.61
London Hydro Inc.	93.76	82.04	99.62	26.28	301.71	4,941.40	5,243.11

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<b>Electricity Distribution System</b>							
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	22.72	19.88	24.14	6.37	73.10	1,197.23	1,270.33
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	25.68	22.47	27.29	7.20	82.63	1,353.39	1,436.02
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	32.62	28.55	34.66	9.14	104.97	1,719.29	1,824.26
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	294.06	294.06
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	14.38	12.58	15.28	4.03	46.28	757.98	804.26
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	187.40	187.40
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	42.02	36.77	44.65	11.78	135.21	2,214.55	2,349.77
Orangeville Hydro Limited	-	-	-	-	-	387.04	387.04
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	34.41	30.11	36.57	9.65	110.74	1,813.68	1,924.42
Ottawa River Power Corporation	-	-	-	-	-	349.35	349.35
PUC Distribution Inc.	20.01	17.51	21.26	5.61	64.39	1,054.63	1,119.03
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	134.99	134.99
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	185.17	185.17
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	88.74	88.74
Synergy North Corporation	33.65	29.44	35.75	9.43	108.26	1,773.16	1,881.42
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	224.37	224.37
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	457.65	400.45	486.26	128.28	1,472.64	24,119.07	25,591.72
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	8.10	7.08	8.60	2.27	26.05	426.62	452.67
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	33.94	29.70	36.06	9.51	109.20	1,788.56	1,897.76
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	13.77	12.05	14.63	3.86	44.30	725.59	769.89
Wellington North Power Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	118.52	118.52
Westario Power Inc.	13.93	12.19	14.80	3.90	44.83	734.19	779.01
<b>Electricity Distribution Total</b>	<b>2,983.20</b>	<b>2,610.30</b>	<b>3,169.65</b>	<b>836.20</b>	<b>9,599.35</b>	<b>161,632.45</b>	<b>171,231.80</b>

\*total intervenor costs of \$264.36 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

\*\*total board costs of \$38.78 was reallocated to the companies listed in the Schedule A based on the s.26 Cost Assessment Model to eliminate charges under \$25.

\*\*\*total board costs will be updated if more cost is received by March 31, 2022.