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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0183

Green Button Implementation

**By Delegation Before: Brian Hewson,
Vice President,
Consumer Protection & Industry Performance**

March 4, 2025

OVERVIEW

On July 5, 2021, the OEB issued a [letter](#) initiating a consultation on the implementation of Green Button by electricity and gas distributors, including composition of a task force to assist the OEB in identifying additional guidance or direction that would support implementation. The letter indicated that cost awards would be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) and recovered from all rate-regulated electricity and gas distributors based on the number of customers they serve.

This Decision and Order provides the OEB's determinations on cost awards regarding Green Button task force member activities from July 15, 2021 to September 2, 2021 and in relation to preparation of written comments on the draft OEB staff guidance issued on October 12, 2021.

In its August 17, 2021 Decision on Cost Eligibility, the OEB determined the following participants as eligible for cost awards:

- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC).

On December 18, 2024, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards, setting out the cost claim process.

The OEB received cost claims from BOMA and SEC. In a letter dated January 30, 2025, Enbridge Gas noted that they did not have any objections to the cost claims.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by BOMA and SEC to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (Practice Direction).

The OEB has determined that the participants meet the criteria set out in the Practice Direction and are therefore eligible for cost awards. The OEB finds that the cost claims are reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards. The OEB approves cost awards for the eligible participants as follows:

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| • BOMA | \$5,593.50 |
| • SEC | \$8,949.60 |

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each rate-regulated electricity and natural gas distributor in relation to costs awarded to each eligible participant is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order. 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 approved cost awards whereby the OEB will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards. Consistent with this process, each 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.

To address the OEB's costs, including consultant costs, the OEB will proceed by way of progress billing and invoice the distributors on an *ad hoc* basis. This will ensure timely billing for all parties as the OEB's evaluation activities included within this consultation process can span multiple financial years.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Each distributor listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order will receive an invoice from the OEB that includes the total costs set out in Schedule A. The payment shall be due at the same time as all other cost assessments under section 26 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, each electricity distributor shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto March 4, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Schedule A
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Gas Distributor, Transmitter, Storage Company	Building Owners & Managers Association	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	Total Cost
Enbridge Gas Inc	\$2,786.45	\$4,458.32	\$7,244.77	\$7,244.77
EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership	\$10.30	\$16.48	\$26.78	\$26.78
Gas Distribution Total (50%)	\$2,796.75	\$4,474.80	\$7,271.55	\$7,271.55

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Building Owners & Managers Association	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	Total Cost
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$575.07	\$920.11	\$1,495.18	\$1,495.18
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$19.94	\$31.90	\$51.84	\$51.84
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$36.79	\$58.87	\$95.66	\$95.66
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$16.26	\$26.01	\$42.27	\$42.27
Elexicon Energy Inc.	\$93.03	\$148.85	\$241.88	\$241.88
Enova Power Corp.	\$85.73	\$137.17	\$222.90	\$222.90
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$33.36	\$53.37	\$86.73	\$86.73
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$48.68	\$77.89	\$126.57	\$126.57
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	\$9.99	\$15.98	\$25.97	\$25.97
ERTH Power Corporation	\$13.03	\$20.84	\$33.87	\$33.87
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$16.63	\$26.61	\$43.24	\$43.24
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$11.86	\$18.98	\$30.84	\$30.84
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	\$59.32	\$94.91	\$154.23	\$154.23
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$25.62	\$40.99	\$66.61	\$66.61
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$12.24	\$19.58	\$31.82	\$31.82

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Building Owners & Managers Association	School Energy Coalition	Cost Awards	Total Cost
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$769.92	\$1,231.87	\$2,001.79	\$2,001.79
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$191.72	\$306.75	\$498.47	\$498.47
Innpower Corporation	\$10.96	\$17.53	\$28.49	\$28.49
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$14.95	\$23.92	\$38.87	\$38.87
London Hydro Inc.	\$88.70	\$141.92	\$230.62	\$230.62
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$22.77	\$36.44	\$59.21	\$59.21
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$23.93	\$38.29	\$62.22	\$62.22
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$31.10	\$49.76	\$80.86	\$80.86
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$14.79	\$23.66	\$38.45	\$38.45
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$40.54	\$64.86	\$105.40	\$105.40
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$32.50	\$52.00	\$84.50	\$84.50
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$18.13	\$29.01	\$47.14	\$47.14
Synergy North Corporation	\$30.50	\$48.79	\$79.29	\$79.29
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$422.25	\$675.64	\$1,097.89	\$1,097.89
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$13.39	\$21.42	\$34.81	\$34.81
Westario Power Inc.	\$13.05	\$20.88	\$33.93	\$33.93
Electricity Distribution Total (50%)	\$2,796.75	\$4,474.80	\$7,271.55	\$7,271.55
Grand Total	\$ 5,593.50	\$8,949.60	\$14,543.10	\$14,543.10

Note: Total costs of \$232.80 were reallocated to the companies listed in Schedule A to eliminate charges below the \$25 materiality threshold adopted by the OEB in Sec.26 of the Cost Assessment Model and in section 12.02 of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Algoma Power Inc.	\$16.58
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$2.18
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$0.71
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$10.03
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$3.46
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$16.71
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$0.42
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$5.04
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$15.96
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$3.66
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$1.71
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$7.57
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	\$5.91
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$0.59
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$14.56
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$19.29
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$13.20
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$7.99
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$17.27
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$15.65
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$5.90
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$8.04
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$3.92
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$11.01
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$19.99
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$5.45
Total	\$232.80