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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2024-0092

System Expansion for Housing Development

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

March 10, 2025

OVERVIEW

On November 18, 2024, the OEB issued a Notice of Proposed Amendments to the Distribution System Code (DSC) for electricity distribution system expansion for housing development. The Notice indicated that any participant previously found eligible for cost awards in the April 2, 2024 Decision on Cost Eligibility would be deemed eligible for an award of costs in the current consultation. Cost awards are made available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) to eligible participants.

The OEB issued two letters on December 31, 2024, that determined the following participants in this consultation process were eligible to apply for an award of costs:

- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Environmental Defence (ED)
- Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN)
- Pollution Probe (PP)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition (VECC)

In a subsequent letter on December 31, 2024, the OEB granted cost award eligibility for providing comments on the proposed DSC amendments in Appendix A of the November 18, 2024 letter. The OEB determined that eligible participants would be eligible for a maximum of 4 hours.

The OEB received cost claims from CCC, Environmental Defence, LIEN, Pollution Probe and VECC. No objections were received from licensed electricity distributors or transmitters.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed by CCC, Environmental Defence, LIEN, Pollution Probe and VECC to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB approves cost awards for the eligible participants as follows:

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| • Consumer Council of Canada | \$1,118.70 |
| • Environmental Defence | \$1,310.80 |
| • LIEN | \$1,435.10 |
| • Pollution Probe | \$1,211.93 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$1,372.01 |

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each licensed electricity distributor in relation to costs awarded is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order. The amounts will not be paid directly by the distributor to the eligible participants.

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 consultation. The payment shall be due at the same time as all other cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act.

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 amounts set out in Schedule A, upon receiving an invoice from the OEB.
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 10, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Schedule A
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Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Consumers Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Low Income Energy Network	Pollution Probe	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards
Alectra Utilities Corporation	231.76	271.56	297.31	251.08	284.24	1,335.95
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	8.03	9.41	10.31	8.70	9.85	46.30
Burlington Hydro Inc.	14.83	17.37	19.02	16.06	18.19	85.47
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	6.55	7.68	8.40	7.10	8.04	37.77
Elexicon Energy Inc.	37.49	43.93	48.10	40.62	45.98	216.12
Enova Power Corp.	34.55	40.48	44.32	37.43	42.37	199.15
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	13.44	15.75	17.24	14.56	16.49	77.48
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	19.62	22.99	25.17	21.25	24.06	113.09
ERTH Power Corporation	5.25	6.15	6.73	5.69	6.44	30.26
Essex Powerlines Corporation	6.70	7.85	8.60	7.26	8.22	38.63
Festival Hydro Inc.	4.78	5.60	6.13	5.18	5.86	27.55
GrandBridge Energy Inc.	23.91	28.01	30.67	25.90	29.32	137.81
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	10.33	12.10	13.25	11.19	12.66	59.53
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	4.93	5.78	6.33	5.34	6.05	28.43
Hydro One Networks Inc.	310.29	363.58	398.05	336.15	380.55	1,788.62

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Consumers Council of Canada	Environmental Defence	Low Income Energy Network	Pollution Probe	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Cost Awards
Hydro Ottawa Limited	77.27	90.53	99.12	83.71	94.76	445.39
Kingston Hydro Corporation	6.03	7.06	7.73	6.53	7.39	34.74
London Hydro Inc.	35.75	41.89	45.86	38.73	43.84	206.07
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	9.18	10.75	11.77	9.94	11.26	52.90
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	9.64	11.30	12.37	10.45	11.83	55.59
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	12.53	14.69	16.08	13.58	15.37	72.25
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	5.96	6.98	7.64	6.46	7.31	34.35
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	16.34	19.14	20.96	17.70	20.04	94.18
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	13.10	15.35	16.80	14.19	16.06	75.50
PUC Distribution Inc.	7.31	8.56	9.37	7.92	8.96	42.12
Synergy North Corporation	12.29	14.40	15.77	13.31	15.07	70.84
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	170.18	199.43	218.33	184.35	208.73	981.02
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	5.40	6.32	6.92	5.85	6.62	31.11
Westario Power Inc.	5.26	6.16	6.75	5.70	6.45	30.32
Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator Total	1,118.70	1,310.80	1,435.10	1,211.93	1,372.01	6,448.54
Grand Total	\$1,118.70	\$1,310.80	\$1,435.10	\$1,211.93	\$1,372.01	\$6,448.54

Note: Total costs of \$253.14 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. Please refer to the breakdown below.

Algoma Power Inc.	\$14.70
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$1.92
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$0.63
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$8.89
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$3.06
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$14.81
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	\$22.29
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$0.37
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$4.46
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$14.16
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$3.24
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$1.51
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$6.7
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	\$5.26
Innpower Corporation	\$24.45
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$0.53
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$12.92
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$17.12
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$11.7
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$7.09
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$15.32
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$13.88
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$5.22
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$7.14
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$3.47
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$9.75
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$17.71
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$4.84
Total	\$253.14