

EB-2006-0266

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost awards in a process to determine the regulatory treatment of electricity distributors' conservation and demand management activities in 2007 and beyond.

BEFORE: Gordon Kaiser

Vice-Chair

Pamela Nowina Vice-Chair

VARY DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

May 24, 2007

Background

On May 16, 2007, the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") issued a Decision and Order on Cost Awards for the EB-2006-0266 process (the "Decision and Order"). The Board inadvertently excluded a cost claim from the Consumers Council of Canada ("CCC"). CCC was granted cost eligibility for this process in the Board's Decision on Cost Eligibility which was issued February 5, 2007. CCC submitted its cost claim by April 13, 2007, as required by the Board's Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in relation to this process (the "Notice"), which was issued by the Board on March 26, 2007.

No objections to the cost claim submitted by the CCC were received by the Board.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

As stated in the Notice, the Board will use the process set out in section 12 of the Practice Direction to implement the payment of the cost awards. Therefore, the Board will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards relating to this consultation process.

Distributors shall pay the amounts prescribed by Appendix A when they receive the invoices for cost awards. The invoices will be sent out at the same time that the cost assessments made under section 26 of the Act are sent out and the payment of the cost award shall be due the same time the cost assessments are due. In the Notice, the Board stated that it would not send out any payments for the cost awards to eligible parties until all licensed distributors have paid the invoiced amounts. The Board has now determined that it will not send out any payments for the cost awards to the eligible parties until at least 80% of the total amount owed by the distributors has been received by the Board.

The Board recognizes that the amounts listed in Appendix A are quite small. The Board notes that there will be a number of cost awards that will be paid at the same time as these cost awards (i.e., the invoice that is sent out for cost awards at the same time as the cost assessments will cover more than just this process). Distributors can therefore write one cheque that will cover all the cost awards in the invoice instead of having to write a cheque for the small amounts listed in Appendix A.

Board Findings on the Cost Claim of the Eligible Party

The Board has reviewed the cost claim submitted by the CCC and finds that the cost claim is within the approved overall limits set by the Board. The Board therefore finds that CCC is entitled to 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this process.

The Board therefore finds it necessary to adjust the amounts to be paid by each individual distributor set out in Appendix A of the Decision and Order to reflect the inclusion of the cost claim submitted by CCC. The revised amounts are set out in the attached Appendix A.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The revised amounts to be paid by each individual distributor are listed in Appendix A, which is attached to this decision and order.
- 2. The individual distributors listed in the attached Appendix A shall pay the costs of the eligible parties as set out in the attached Appendix A (and as is listed in the invoice sent out to the distributors) at the same time that the cost assessments made under section 26 of the Act are due.
- 3. The distributors shall pay the revised amounts listed in the attached Appendix A to the Ontario Energy Board.

ISSUED at Toronto, May 24, 2007 **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Gordon Kaiser Vice Chair

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Pamela Nowina Vice Chair

Appendix A to the Board's Vary Decision and Order on Cost Awards

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Regulatory Treatment of Electricity Distributors' Conservation and Demand Management Activities in 2007 and Beyond

Electricity Distributor	Green Energy Coalition	Energy Probe Research Foundation		London Property Management Association	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Consumers Council of Canada	Total Payable:
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	0.31	0.64	0.36	0.48	0.71	0.58	3.09
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	0.35	0.73	0.41	0.54	0.81	0.66	3.51
Barrie Hydro Distribution Inc.	15.43	32.41	18.16	24.13	35.98	29.31	155.41
Bluewater Power Distribution Corp.	6.56	13.77	7.72	10.25	15.29	12.46	66.04
Brant County Power Inc.	2.09	4.39	2.46	3.27	4.87	3.97	21.05
Brantford Power Inc.	6.58	13.82	7.75	10.29	15.35	12.50	66.29
Burlington Hydro Inc.	13.04	27.40	15.35	20.41	30.42	24.78	131.41
COLLUS Power Corp.	1.81	3.81	2.13	2.84	4.23	3.45	18.27
Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc.	9.79	20.56	11.52	15.31	22.83	18.60	98.61
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	5.54	11.64	6.52	8.66	12.92	10.52	55.80
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	1.19	2.50	1.40	1.86	2.78	2.26	12.00
Chapleau Public Utilities Corp.	0.22	0.46	0.26	0.34	0.51	0.42	2.21
Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc.	5.98	12.55	7.03	9.35	13.94	11.35	60.20
Clinton Power Corp.	0.21	0.44	0.25	0.33	0.49	0.40	2.11
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	0.23	0.49	0.27	0.36	0.54	0.44	2.34
Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Ltd.	5.43	11.41	6.39	8.50	12.67	10.32	54.72
Dutton Hydro Ltd.	0.06	0.12	0.07	0.09	0.14	0.11	0.59
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	1.41	2.97	1.66	2.21	3.30	2.69	14.25
ENWIN Powerlines Ltd.	17.76	37.31	20.90	27.78	41.42	33.75	178.93
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	50.38	105.84	59.30	78.82	117.50	95.73	507.58
Erie Thames Powerlines Corp.	2.65	5.57	3.12	4.15	6.19	5.04	26.73
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corp.	0.45	0.94	0.53	0.70	1.04	0.85	4.50
Essex Powerlines Corp.	4.27	8.96	5.02	6.67	9.95	8.11	42.98
Festival Hydro Inc.	4.08	8.57	4.80	6.38	9.51	7.75	41.07
Fort Albany Power Corp.	0.25	0.52	0.29	0.38	0.57	0.47	2.48

	Green	Energy Probe		London Property	Vulnerable Energy	Consumers	
	Energy	Research	Pollution	Management	Consumers	Council of	Total
Electricity Distributor	Coalition	Foundation		Association	Coalition	Canada	Payable:
Fort Frances Power Corp.	0.65	1.36	0.76	1.01	1.51	1.23	6.50
Grand Valley Energy Inc.	0.08	0.17	0.09	0.13	0.19	0.15	0.81
Great Lakes Power Ltd.	6.17	12.97	7.27	9.66	14.40	11.73	62.19
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	7.99	16.79	9.41	12.50	18.64	15.18	80.51
Grimsby Power Inc.	1.44	3.03	1.70	2.26	3.37	2.74	14.55
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	10.47	22.00	12.32	16.38	24.42	19.90	105.49
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	4.35	9.15	5.12	6.81	10.15	8.27	43.86
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	4.11	8.63	4.83	6.42	9.58	7.80	41.36
Hearst Power Distribution Company Ltd.	0.28	0.58	0.33	0.44	0.65	0.53	2.80
Horizon Utilities Corporation	39.06	82.05	45.97	61.10	91.09	74.21	393.49
Hydro 2000 Inc.	0.14	0.30	0.17	0.22	0.33	0.27	1.43
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	0.55	1.15	0.64	0.85	1.27	1.04	5.49
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	27.62	58.02	32.51	43.21	64.41	52.48	278.25
Hydro One Networks Inc. (incl. remote communities)	342.25	718.98	402.82	535.39	798.16	650.28	3,447.87
Hydro Ottawa Ltd.	44.13	92.71	51.94	69.04	102.92	83.86	444.61
Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Ltd.	2.67	5.62	3.15	4.18	6.24	5.08	26.95
Kashechewan Power Corp.	0.34	0.72	0.40	0.54	0.80	0.65	3.45
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	0.67	1.42	0.79	1.06	1.57	1.28	6.80
Kingston Electricity Distribution Ltd.	3.93	8.25	4.62	6.14	9.16	7.46	39.55
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	15.33	32.21	18.05	23.99	35.76	29.13	154.48
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	2.12	4.46	2.50	3.32	4.95	4.03	21.39
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	1.92	4.03	2.26	3.00	4.47	3.64	19.32
London Hydro Inc.	21.66	45.51	25.50	33.89	50.52	41.16	218.22
Middlesex Power Distribution Corp.	1.14	2.40	1.35	1.79	2.67	2.17	11.53
Midland Power Utility Corp.	1.30	2.73	1.53	2.03	3.03	2.47	13.08
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	4.60	9.67	5.42	7.20	10.73	8.74	46.36
Newbury Power Inc.	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.21
Newmarket Hydro Ltd.	6.36	13.37	7.49	9.95	14.84	12.09	64.10
Niagara Falls Hydro Inc.	6.72	14.12	7.91	10.52	15.68	12.77	67.72
Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.	1.83	3.85	2.16	2.87	4.28	3.49	18.48
Norfolk Power Distribution Inc.	3.96	8.32	4.66	6.19	9.24	7.52	39.89
North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd.	4.06	8.52	4.77	6.35	9.46	7.71	40.86
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	1.01	2.12	1.19	1.58	2.36	1.92	10.18

Electricity Distributor	Green Energy Coalition	Energy Probe Research Foundation		London Property Management Association	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Consumers Council of Canada	Total Payable:
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	12.87	27.05	15.15	20.14	30.02	24.46	129.70
Orangeville Hydro Ltd.	1.96	4.12	2.31	3.07	4.58	3.73	19.78
Orillia Power Distribution Corp.	3.12	6.55	3.67	4.87	7.27	5.92	31.39
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	8.46	17.77	9.95	13.23	19.72	16.07	85.20
Ottawa River Power Corp.	1.84	3.86	2.16	2.88	4.29	3.49	18.52
PUC Distribution Inc.	5.34	11.21	6.28	8.35	12.44	10.14	53.75
Parry Sound Power Corp.	0.78	1.63	0.91	1.21	1.81	1.48	7.82
Peninsula West Utilities Ltd.	4.06	8.53	4.78	6.35	9.47	7.71	40.91
Peterborough Distribution Inc.	6.61	13.88	7.78	10.34	15.41	12.55	66.56
PowerStream Inc.	51.65	108.50	60.79	80.80	120.45	98.14	520.34
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	0.66	1.38	0.77	1.03	1.53	1.25	6.63
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	0.80	1.67	0.94	1.25	1.86	1.51	8.03
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	0.63	1.31	0.74	0.98	1.46	1.19	6.31
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	2.72	5.71	3.20	4.25	6.34	5.16	27.37
Tay Hydro Electric Distribution Company Inc.	0.64	1.35	0.76	1.01	1.50	1.22	6.47
Terrace Bay Superior Wires Inc.	0.21	0.45	0.25	0.34	0.50	0.41	2.16
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	7.71	16.20	9.08	12.06	17.98	14.65	77.69
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	0.85	1.78	1.00	1.32	1.97	1.61	8.52
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Ltd.	226.20	475.17	266.22	353.84	527.51	429.77	2,278.71
Veridian Connections Inc.	19.79	41.57	23.29	30.95	46.14	37.59	199.33
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	1.32	2.76	1.55	2.06	3.07	2.50	13.25
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	10.54	22.14	12.41	16.49	24.58	20.03	106.19
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	2.54	5.33	2.99	3.97	5.92	4.82	25.57
Wellington North Power Inc.	0.56	1.17	0.66	0.87	1.30	1.06	5.61
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	0.58	1.22	0.69	0.91	1.36	1.11	5.87
West Nipissing Energy Services Ltd.	0.41	0.85	0.48	0.64	0.95	0.77	4.09
West Perth Power Inc.	0.33	0.70	0.39	0.52	0.78	0.63	3.35
Westario Power Inc.	3.45	7.25	4.06	5.40	8.05	6.56	34.76
Whitby Hydro Electric Corp.	8.81	18.51	10.37	13.78	20.55	16.74	88.77
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	2.57	5.39	3.02	4.02	5.99	4.88	25.86
Total:	1,113.00	2,338.10	1,309.95	1,741.08	2,595.60	2,114.70	11,212.43