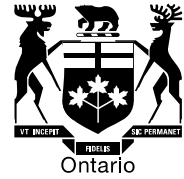


Ontario Energy
Board

Commission de l'énergie
de l'Ontario



EB-2007-0097

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost awards for stakeholder
consultations on regulatory barriers to conservation and
demand management.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin
Presiding Member

Paul Sommerville
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

August 15, 2007

Background

On March 28, 2007 the Board issued a letter announcing a number of meetings that were to be held across the province to discuss conservation and demand management (“CDM”), and in particular, regulatory barriers to CDM. That letter also notified interested parties that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the “Act”) in relation to their participation in this project, and that any costs awarded would be recovered from licensed electricity distributors.

In its March 28, 2007 letter, the Board stated that parties identified in the Board’s February 5, 2007 Decision on Cost Eligibility in the EB-2006-0266 proceeding (the “Cost Decision”) were also eligible for an award of costs in this process, and were not required to file a request for eligibility in this process. The March 28, 2007 letter also stated that if any person was not identified as eligible for an award of costs in the Cost Decision, but wanted to be eligible for an award of costs in this proceeding, that person was required to file with the Board a written submission to that effect by April 11, 2007. No requests for cost eligibility for this proceeding were received by the Board from any party not identified in the Cost Decision.

There were five parties identified in the Cost Decision as eligible for an award of costs that participated in this process by attending one of the meetings. In accordance with the Cost Decision, and the Board’s March 28, 2007 letter, the following parties are eligible for an award of costs in this process: Energy Probe Research Foundation, Green Energy Coalition, London Property Management Association, Pollution Probe, and School Energy Coalition (altogether, the “eligible parties”).

On June 28, 2007, the Board issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in relation to this consultation process (the “Notice”). The Notice was sent to all distributors and to the eligible parties. The Notice directed the eligible parties to file their cost claims with the Board by July 13, 2007. Licensed electricity distributors were given until July 27, 2007, to file objections to any aspect of the costs claimed. Each of the eligible parties were given until August 3, 2007, to make a reply submission as to why its cost claim should be allowed.

The following eligible parties submitted cost claims by July 13, 2007: Energy Probe Research Foundation, Green Energy Coalition, London Property Management Association, and Pollution Probe.

No objections to the cost claims were received by the Board.

Board Findings on the Cost Claims of the Eligible Parties

The Board has reviewed the cost claims and finds that the cost claims filed by Energy Probe Research Foundation, Green Energy Coalition, London Property Management Association, and Pollution Probe are all within the approved overall limits set by the Board. The Board therefore finds that Energy Probe Research Foundation, Green Energy Coalition, London Property Management Association, and Pollution Probe are entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this process.

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. The payment of the cost award shall be due the same time the cost assessments are due.

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 individual cheques for the smaller amounts listed in Appendix A.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. The amounts to be paid to each of the eligible parties 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 and the costs incurred by the Board 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 amounts listed in the attached Appendix A to the Ontario Energy Board.

DATED at Toronto, August 15, 2007

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Peter H. O'Dell
Assistant Board Secretary

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

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Consultation on Regulatory Barriers to Conservation and Demand Management

Electricity Distributor	Green Energy Coalition	Energy Probe Research Foundation	Pollution Probe	London Property Management Association	Total Payable:
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	0.25	0.33	0.31	0.12	1.01
Attawapiskat First Nation	0.29	0.37	0.35	0.14	1.15
Barrie Hydro Distribution Inc.	11.17	14.57	13.68	5.45	44.88
Bluewater Power Distribution Corp.	5.38	7.02	6.59	2.63	21.61
Brant County Power Inc.	1.71	2.24	2.10	0.84	6.89
Brantford Power Inc.	5.40	7.04	6.61	2.64	21.69
Burlington Hydro Inc.	10.70	13.96	13.11	5.23	43.00
Cambridge & North Dumfries Hydro Inc.	8.03	10.48	9.84	3.92	32.27
Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (Including Fort Erie, Eastern Ontario Power & Port Colborne)	4.54	5.93	5.57	2.22	18.26
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	0.98	1.28	1.20	0.48	3.93
Chapleau Public Utilities Corp.	0.18	0.23	0.22	0.09	0.72
Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc.	4.90	6.40	6.01	2.39	19.70
Clinton Power Corp.	0.17	0.22	0.21	0.08	0.69
COLLUS Power Corp.	1.49	1.94	1.82	0.73	5.98
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	0.19	0.25	0.23	0.09	0.77
Cornwall Electric Ltd.	4.46	5.81	5.46	2.18	17.90
Dutton Hydro Ltd.	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.02	0.19
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	1.16	1.51	1.42	0.57	4.66
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	41.33	53.93	50.64	20.18	166.08
Enwin Powerlines Inc.	14.57	19.01	17.85	7.11	58.55
Erie Thames Powerlines Corp.	2.18	2.84	2.67	1.06	8.74
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corp.	0.37	0.48	0.45	0.18	1.47
Essex Powerlines Corp.	3.65	4.77	4.48	1.78	14.69
Festival Hydro Inc.	3.34	4.36	4.10	1.63	13.44
Fort Albany Power Corp.	0.20	0.26	0.25	0.10	0.81
Fort Frances Power Corp.	0.53	0.69	0.65	0.26	2.13

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Electricity Distributor	Green Energy Coalition	Energy Probe Research Foundation	Pollution Probe	London Property Management Association	Total Payable:
Grand Valley Energy Inc.	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.03	0.26
Great Lakes Power Ltd.	5.06	6.61	6.20	2.47	20.35
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	6.56	8.55	8.03	3.20	26.34
Grimsby Power Inc.	1.18	1.55	1.45	0.58	4.76
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	8.59	11.21	10.52	4.19	34.52
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	3.57	4.66	4.38	1.74	14.35
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	3.37	4.40	4.13	1.64	13.53
Horizon Utilities Corporation	32.04	41.81	39.26	15.65	128.75
Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd.	0.23	0.30	0.28	0.11	0.92
Hydro 2000 Inc.	0.12	0.15	0.14	0.06	0.47
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	0.45	0.58	0.55	0.22	1.80
Hydro One Brampton Inc.	22.66	29.57	27.76	11.06	91.05
Hydro One Networks Inc. (Including Remote Communities)	280.75	366.36	343.97	137.10	1,128.17
Hydro Ottawa Limited	36.20	47.24	44.36	17.68	145.48
Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Ltd.	2.19	2.86	2.69	1.07	8.82
Kashechewan Power Corp.	0.28	0.37	0.34	0.14	1.13
Kenora Hydro Electric Corp. Ltd.	0.55	0.72	0.68	0.27	2.22
Kingston Electricity Distribution Ltd.	3.22	4.20	3.95	1.57	12.94
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	12.58	16.41	15.41	6.14	50.55
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	1.74	2.27	2.13	0.85	7.00
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	1.57	2.05	1.93	0.77	6.32
London Hydro Inc.	17.77	23.19	21.77	8.68	71.40
Middlesex Power Distribution Corp.	0.94	1.23	1.15	0.46	3.77
Midland Power Utility Corp.	1.07	1.39	1.30	0.52	4.28
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	3.78	4.93	4.63	1.84	15.17
Newbury Power Inc.	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.07
Newmarket Hydro Ltd.	5.22	6.81	6.39	2.55	20.97
Niagara Falls Hydro Inc.	5.51	7.20	6.76	2.69	22.16
Niagara-On-The-Lake Hydro Inc.	1.50	1.96	1.84	0.73	6.05
Norfolk Power Distribution Inc.	3.25	4.24	3.98	1.59	13.05
North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd.	3.33	4.34	4.08	1.62	13.37
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	0.83	1.08	1.02	0.40	3.33
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	10.56	13.78	12.94	5.16	42.44
Orangeville Hydro Ltd.	1.61	2.10	1.97	0.79	6.47
Orillia Power Distribution Corp.	2.56	3.34	3.13	1.25	10.27

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Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	6.94	9.05	8.50	3.39	27.88
Ottawa River Power Corp.	1.51	1.97	1.85	0.74	6.06
Parry Sound Power Corp.	0.64	0.83	0.78	0.31	2.56
Peninsula West Utilities Ltd.	3.33	4.35	4.08	1.63	13.38
Peterborough Distribution Inc.	5.42	7.07	6.64	2.65	21.78
PowerStream Inc.	42.37	55.29	51.91	20.69	170.26
PUC Distribution Inc.	4.38	5.71	5.36	2.14	17.59
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	0.54	0.70	0.66	0.26	2.17
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	0.65	0.85	0.80	0.32	2.63
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	2.23	2.91	2.73	1.09	8.96
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	0.51	0.67	0.63	0.25	2.06
Tay Hydro Electric Distribution Co. Inc.	0.53	0.69	0.65	0.26	2.12
Terrace Bay Superior Wires Inc.	0.18	0.23	0.22	0.09	0.71
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	6.33	8.25	7.75	3.09	25.42
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	0.69	0.91	0.85	0.34	2.79
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Ltd.	185.55	242.13	227.33	90.61	745.61
Veridian Connections Inc. (Including Scugog Hydro)	16.23	21.18	19.89	7.93	65.22
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	1.08	1.41	1.32	0.53	4.34
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	8.65	11.28	10.59	4.22	34.75
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	2.08	2.72	2.55	1.02	8.37
Wellington North Power Inc.	0.46	0.60	0.56	0.22	1.84
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	0.48	0.62	0.59	0.23	1.92
West Nipissing Energy Services Ltd.	0.33	0.43	0.41	0.16	1.34
West Perth Power Inc.	0.27	0.36	0.33	0.13	1.10
Westario Power Inc.	2.83	3.69	3.47	1.38	11.37
Whitby Hydro Electric Corp.	7.23	9.43	8.86	3.53	29.05
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	2.11	2.75	2.58	1.03	8.46
Total:	911.66	1,189.65	1,116.94	445.20	3,663.45