



**EB-2010-0059**

**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 interested  
parties in a consultation process to establish a framework  
for transmission project development plans.

**BEFORE:** Paul Sommerville  
Presiding Member

### **SUPPLEMENTAL DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

On April 19, 2010, the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") issued a letter (the "April letter") in which it initiated a consultation process to facilitate the timely and cost effective development of major transmission facilities that may be required to connect renewable generation in Ontario. The Board indicated 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 consultation process and in accordance with the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (the "Practice Direction"), and that any costs awarded would be recovered from all licensed electricity transmitters based on their respective transmission revenues.

In accordance with a series of Decisions on Cost Eligibility, the following participants were found to be eligible for an award of costs in this consultation: the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario; Association of Power Producers of Ontario; the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters; the Canadian Wind Energy Association; the Consumers Council of Canada; Energy Probe Research Foundation; Lake Huron Anishinabek Transmission Co. Inc.; the London Property Management Association; the National Chief's Office on behalf of the Assembly of First Nations; Northwatch; the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association; the Ontario Waterpower Association; Pollution Probe; and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (collectively, the "eligible participants").

On September 30, 2010 the Board issued a Notice of Hearing on Cost Awards (the "September Notice"), initiating a hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that will be made under section 30 of the Act in relation to this consultation.

Of the fourteen eligible participants, nine filed cost claims in accordance with the September Notice. On November 30, 2010, the Board issued a decision and order regarding the cost claims of those nine participants.

It was drawn to the Board's attention that the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") had submitted a cost claim by the date specified in the September Notice however, the claim was mis-filed and not considered as part of the previous process. The Board instructed VECC to re-file and serve the claim on electricity transmitters which it did on December 20, 2010.

Electricity transmitters were given an opportunity to file any objections they might have in relation to the cost claims filed by VECC. None were received.

### **Board Findings on the Cost Claims of VECC**

The cost claim filed by VECC is within the approved limits set by the Board for the activity for which cost awards are available in relation to this consultation as listed in the Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards.

The Board finds that VECC is entitled to 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this consultation:

The amount payable by each individual licensed transmitter in relation to costs awarded to VECC is listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order.

### **Process for Paying the Cost Awards**

As previously stated in documents issued in this consultation, the Board will use the process set out in section 12 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* 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. Invoices will be issued to transmitters at the same time as are invoices for cost assessments made under section 26 of the Act. **The practice of the Board is to issue to each transmitter one invoice**

**that covers all cost awards payable by that transmitter for the relevant period.** As a result, the invoice may cover cost awards payable in relation to a number of consultations, including this one.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. The amounts to be paid by each individual transmitter in relation to the costs awarded to VECC are as set out in Appendix A to this Decision and Order.
2. The individual transmitters listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order shall pay the costs awarded to each of the eligible participants as set out in Appendix A.
3. Payment of cost awards referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 shall be made to the Ontario Energy Board in accordance with the invoice issued to the individual transmitter and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 22, 2011

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

John Pickernell  
Assistant Board Secretary

**Appendix A**

**To the Board's  
Supplemental Decision and Order on Cost Awards  
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**Framework for Transmission Project Development Planning**

<i><b>Licensed Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator</b></i>	<i>Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition</i>	<i>Total</i>
CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.	17.44	17.44
FIVE NATIONS ENERGY INC.	20.90	20.90
GREAT LAKES POWER LTD.	131.26	131.26
NIAGARA WEST TRANSFORMATION CORP.	2.43	2.43
HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.	4,535.80	4,535.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,707.83	4,707.83