



EB-2010-0249

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost award eligibility for interested
parties in the consultation process regarding the development of
electricity distribution system reliability standards.

BEFORE: Paul Sommerville
Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

On August 23, 2010, the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") issued a letter to interested parties introducing a consultation process the Board intends to follow to implement a system reliability standards regime for licensed electricity distributors in Ontario.

In that letter, 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 that any costs awarded would be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

The letter specified that cost awards would be available for preparing for and participating in the stakeholder conference, including the submission of any written submissions that may be requested, to a maximum of 42 hours. Cost awards would

also be available to eligible parties who only wished to provide written submissions (i.e., parties that did not attend the stakeholder conference) to a maximum of 30 hours.

In accordance with the Board's October 1, 2010 Decision on Cost Eligibility, the following participants were found to be eligible for an award of costs: the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario ("AMPCO"); the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME"); Energy Probe Research Foundation ("EP"); the London Property Management Association ("LPMA"); the School Energy Coalition ("SEC"); and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") (collectively, the "eligible participants").

This portion of the consultation was completed on November 23, 2011.

On November 29, 2011, the Board issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (the "Hearing Notice") in relation to this consultation process.

CME, EP and VECC, submitted cost claims by the December 21, 2012 deadline specified for that purpose in the Hearing Notice. SEC filed a late claim on January 2, 2012, citing a mix up of responsibility during the holiday period. AMPCO filed a late claim on January 23, 2012, stating that despite checking the Board's website periodically, the organization missed the Hearing Notice.

Licensed electricity distributors were given an opportunity to file any objections they might have in relation to the cost claims. No objections to the cost claims were received by the Board within the time specified for that purpose in the Hearing Notice.

Board Findings on the Cost Claims of the Eligible Participants

The Board accepts the late filing of AMPCO and SEC.

The Board has reviewed the cost claims filed by the eligible participants and finds that the cost claims are all within the approved overall limits set by the Board and are in accordance with the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (the "Practice Direction").

The Board finds that all of the eligible participants are entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this consultation 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. Invoices will be issued to licensed electricity distributors 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 distributor one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by that distributor for the relevant period. As a result, the invoice may cover cost awards payable in relation to a number of consultations and initiatives, including this one.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. The individual licensed electricity distributors 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.
2. The individual licensed electricity distributors listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this consultation.
3. Payment of the cost awards referred to in paragraph 2 shall be made to the Ontario Energy Board in accordance with the invoice issued to the individual licensed electricity distributor, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

ISSUED AT Toronto, February 21, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

APPENDIX A

Board's Decision and Order on Cost Awards

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Distribution System Reliability Consultation

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	AMPCO	CME	EP	SEC	VECC	Total
Algoma Power Inc.	36.74	14.70	51.24	72.83	9.33	184.83
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	2.73	1.09	3.81	5.42	0.69	13.75
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	1.98	0.79	2.76	3.92	0.50	9.94
Bluewater Power Distribution Corp.	39.48	15.79	55.06	78.26	10.03	198.62
Brant County Power Inc.	12.66	5.07	17.66	25.10	3.22	63.70
Brantford Power Inc.	32.89	13.16	45.87	65.20	8.35	165.47
Burlington Hydro Inc.	58.28	23.31	81.28	115.53	14.80	293.21
Cambridge And North Dumfries Hydro Inc.	44.14	17.66	61.57	87.51	11.21	222.10
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	33.96	13.59	47.36	67.32	8.63	170.85
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	5.88	2.35	8.19	11.65	1.49	29.56
Chapleau Public Utilities Corp.	1.41	0.56	1.97	2.80	0.36	7.10

Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc.	28.35	11.34	39.53	56.19	7.20	142.61
Collus Power Corp.	11.42	4.57	15.93	22.64	2.90	57.47
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	1.27	0.51	1.77	2.51	0.32	6.37
Cornwall Street Railway Light And Power Company Ltd.	25.26	10.11	35.23	50.08	6.42	127.10
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	9.68	3.87	13.50	19.19	2.46	48.70
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	246.37	98.56	343.61	488.40	62.58	1,239.52
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	101.26	40.51	141.23	200.74	25.72	509.46
Erie Thames Powerlines Corp.	12.61	5.04	17.58	24.99	3.20	63.43
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corp.	2.83	1.13	3.95	5.62	0.72	14.26
Essex Powerlines Corp.	21.04	8.42	29.35	41.71	5.35	105.87
Festival Hydro Inc.	19.97	7.99	27.85	39.58	5.07	100.45
Fort Albany Power Corp.	1.38	0.55	1.93	2.74	0.35	6.96
Fort Frances Power Corp.	3.25	1.30	4.53	6.44	0.83	16.35
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	47.41	18.97	66.12	93.99	12.04	238.54
Grimsby Power Inc.	7.39	2.96	10.30	14.64	1.88	37.17
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	50.67	20.27	70.66	100.44	12.87	254.91
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	29.07	11.63	40.54	57.63	7.38	146.26
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	20.19	8.08	28.15	40.02	5.13	101.56

Horizon Utilities Corp.	185.91	74.37	259.28	368.54	47.22	935.33
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	2.56	1.02	3.57	5.08	0.65	12.88
Hearst Power Distribution Company Ltd.	1.91	0.76	2.67	3.79	0.49	9.62
Hydro 2000 Inc.	0.72	0.29	1.01	1.43	0.18	3.64
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	129.80	51.93	181.03	257.32	32.97	653.05
Hydro One Networks Inc.	2,214.35	885.84	3,088.26	4,389.65	562.47	11,140.56
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	24.69	9.88	34.44	48.95	6.27	124.23
Hydro Ottawa Ltd.	306.39	122.57	427.31	607.38	77.83	1,541.48
Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Ltd.	16.12	6.45	22.47	31.95	4.09	81.08
Kashechewan Power Corp.	1.90	0.76	2.65	3.77	0.48	9.57
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	4.57	1.83	6.38	9.07	1.16	23.01
Kingston Hydro Corp.	21.71	8.69	30.28	43.04	5.51	109.22
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	69.63	27.85	97.11	138.03	17.69	350.31
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	9.16	3.67	12.78	18.17	2.33	46.11
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	9.57	3.83	13.35	18.98	2.43	48.16
London Hydro Inc.	119.56	47.83	166.75	237.01	30.37	601.52
Middlesex Power Distribution Corp.	6.58	2.63	9.17	13.04	1.67	33.09
Midland Power Utility Corp.	6.96	2.78	9.71	13.80	1.77	35.01
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	25.46	10.19	35.51	50.48	6.47	128.11

Newmarket - Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	32.58	13.04	45.44	64.59	8.28	163.93
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	57.64	23.06	80.39	114.27	14.64	290.00
Niagara-On-The-Lake Hydro Inc.	9.80	3.92	13.67	19.43	2.49	49.31
Norfolk Power Distribution Inc.	23.78	9.51	33.17	47.14	6.04	119.65
North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd.	21.97	8.79	30.64	43.56	5.58	110.55
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	5.43	2.17	7.58	10.77	1.38	27.33
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	61.26	24.51	85.44	121.44	15.56	308.21
Orangeville Hydro Ltd.	9.79	3.91	13.65	19.40	2.49	49.23
Orillia Power Distribution Corp.	14.37	5.75	20.04	28.49	3.65	72.30
Oshawa Puc Networks Inc.	41.56	16.63	57.97	82.39	10.56	209.11
Ottawa River Power Corp.	7.70	3.08	10.74	15.27	1.96	38.74
Parry Sound Power Corp.	3.70	1.48	5.16	7.33	0.94	18.60
Peterborough Distribution Inc.	29.94	11.98	41.76	59.35	7.61	150.63
Powerstream Inc.	321.46	128.60	448.33	637.26	81.66	1,617.31
Puc Distribution Inc.	32.93	13.17	45.93	65.28	8.36	165.68
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	3.47	1.39	4.84	6.89	0.88	17.48
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	4.56	1.82	6.36	9.04	1.16	22.93
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	13.39	5.35	18.67	26.53	3.40	67.34

Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	3.95	1.58	5.51	7.83	1.00	19.88
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	37.94	15.18	52.91	75.21	9.64	190.88
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	5.89	2.36	8.21	11.67	1.50	29.62
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Ltd.	1,010.11	404.09	1,408.75	2,002.40	256.58	5,081.92
Veridian Connections Inc.	97.61	39.05	136.13	193.50	24.79	491.09
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	8.21	3.28	11.44	16.27	2.08	41.29
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	54.00	21.60	75.31	107.04	13.72	271.66
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	17.34	6.94	24.18	34.37	4.40	87.23
Wellington North Power Inc.	4.03	1.61	5.62	7.98	1.02	20.26
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	4.09	1.64	5.70	8.11	1.04	20.58
Westario Power Inc.	17.86	7.14	24.91	35.40	4.54	89.85
Whitby Hydro Electric Corp.	38.95	15.58	54.32	77.22	9.89	195.97
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	14.13	5.65	19.71	28.02	3.59	71.11
TOTAL	\$6,076.58	\$2,430.91	\$8,474.74	\$12,046.00	\$1,543.52	\$30,571.75