



EB-2007-0709

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 relation to a
consultation process to examine issues and take measures
in relation to stray voltage as it affect the operation of
Ontario farms.

BEFORE Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

On August 7, 2007, the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") initiated a consultation process in response to a Minister's Directive that required the Board to implement such measures as the Board considers necessary to address the issue of stray voltage as it affects the farm sector. In its letter of that date inviting participation in the consultation, the Board indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act") for their participation.

In its Decision on Cost Eligibility dated October 11, 2007 and its Supplementary Decision on Cost Eligibility dated November 29, 2007, the Board determined that the following participants were eligible for cost awards:

Energy Probe Foundation (Energy Probe); and
Wireless Electrical and Electromagnetic Pollution (WEPP).

On July 10, 2009, the Board issued a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (the “Notice”). The following eligible parties submitted cost claims: Energy Probe and WEEP. No objections to the filed cost claims were received.

Board Findings on the Cost Claims of the Eligible Participants

The Board has reviewed the cost claims and finds that the cost claim filed by Energy Probe is within the approved overall limits set by the Board. The Board therefore finds that Energy Probe is entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this consultation process.

In accordance with Section 3.08 of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, and in recognition of both the Board’s prior finding that WEEP is eligible for an award of costs and of WEEP’s demonstrated contribution of time and disbursements to participate in this proceeding, the Board has decided to award WEEP an honorarium in the amount claimed.

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

In its letter dated August 7, 2007, the Board indicated that any costs awarded will be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues, with the exception of distributors that identified themselves to the Board as not having farm customers. These distributors are:

E.L.K. Energy Inc.
EnWin Utilities Limited
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.
Orillia Power
Ottawa River Power Corp.
PowerStream Inc.
Toronto Hydro
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.

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 distributors at the same time as are invoices for cost assessments made under section 26 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (the “Act”).

The practice of the Board is to issue to each distributor one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by the distributor 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. As set out in Appendix A to this Decision and Order, each individual distributor shall pay the amounts shown in relation to the costs awarded to each eligible participant.
2. The individual 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 cost awards and of the Board's costs referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be made to the Ontario Energy Board in accordance with the invoice issued to the individual distributor, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

DATED at Toronto, September 24, 2009
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

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

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Consultation on Farm Stray Voltage

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Energy Probe	WEEP	Total
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$1.19	\$1.26	\$2.45
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$1.16	\$1.23	\$2.39
Barrie Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$38.03	\$40.38	\$78.41
Bluewater Power Distribution Corp.	\$21.39	\$22.71	\$44.10
Brant County Power Inc.	\$7.99	\$8.49	\$16.48
Brantford Power Inc.	\$20.67	\$21.95	\$42.62
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$37.39	\$39.69	\$77.08
Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc.	\$28.82	\$30.60	\$59.42
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$19.86	\$21.08	\$40.94
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$3.34	\$3.55	\$6.89
Chapleau Public Utilities Corp.	\$0.78	\$0.83	\$1.61
Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc.	\$18.58	\$19.72	\$38.30
Clinton Power Corp.	\$0.71	\$0.76	\$1.47
Collus Power Corp.	\$6.36	\$6.76	\$13.12
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$0.81	\$0.86	\$1.67
Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Ltd.	\$15.79	\$16.76	\$32.55
Dutton Hydro Ltd.	\$0.17	\$0.18	\$0.35
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	\$157.09	\$166.76	\$323.85
Erie Thames Powerlines Corp.	\$10.12	\$10.74	\$20.86
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corp.	\$1.67	\$1.77	\$3.44
Essex Powerlines Corp.	\$13.28	\$14.10	\$27.38
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$12.65	\$13.43	\$26.08
Fort Albany Power Corp.	\$0.74	\$0.79	\$1.53
Fort Frances Power Corp.	\$1.89	\$2.01	\$3.90
Great Lakes Power Ltd.	\$17.60	\$18.69	\$36.29
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$28.68	\$30.45	\$59.13
Grimsby Power Inc.	\$4.51	\$4.79	\$9.30

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Energy Probe	WEEP	Total
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	\$32.00	\$33.97	\$65.97
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	\$16.22	\$17.22	\$33.44
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$11.44	\$12.14	\$23.58
Horizon Utilities Corporation	\$115.49	\$122.61	\$238.10
Hearst Power Distribution Company Ltd.	\$1.22	\$1.30	\$2.52
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$0.33	\$0.35	\$0.68
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	\$83.44	\$88.58	\$172.02
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$1,216.21	\$1,291.06	\$2,507.27
Hydro Ottawa Ltd.	\$169.07	\$179.48	\$348.55
Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Ltd.	\$8.93	\$9.48	\$18.41
Kashechewan Power Corp.	\$0.69	\$0.73	\$1.42
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	\$2.68	\$2.84	\$5.52
Kingston Electricity Distribution Ltd.	\$13.85	\$14.70	\$28.55
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	\$45.16	\$47.94	\$93.10
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$4.48	\$4.76	\$9.24
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$5.32	\$5.65	\$10.97
London Hydro Inc.	\$71.06	\$75.43	\$146.49
Middlesex Power Distribution Corp.	\$3.87	\$4.11	\$7.98
Midland Power Utility Corp.	\$3.86	\$4.10	\$7.96
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$14.10	\$14.97	\$29.07
Newbury Power Inc.	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.20
Newmarket - Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$20.96	\$22.25	\$43.21
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$35.37	\$37.55	\$72.92
Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.	\$6.33	\$6.72	\$13.05
Norfolk Power Distribution Inc.	\$12.34	\$13.10	\$25.44
North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd.	\$13.59	\$14.43	\$28.02
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$3.01	\$3.20	\$6.21
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$39.04	\$41.44	\$80.48
Orangeville Hydro Ltd.	\$5.94	\$6.31	\$12.25
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$24.42	\$25.93	\$50.35
Parry Sound Power Corp.	\$2.46	\$2.61	\$5.07

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Energy Probe	WEEP	Total
Peterborough Distribution Inc.	\$16.82	\$17.85	\$34.67
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$16.37	\$17.38	\$33.75
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$2.15	\$2.28	\$4.43
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$2.09	\$2.22	\$4.31
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	\$8.32	\$8.83	\$17.15
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$1.98	\$2.10	\$4.08
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$22.07	\$23.43	\$45.50
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$3.44	\$3.66	\$7.10
Veridian Connections Inc.	\$58.33	\$61.92	\$120.25
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$4.47	\$4.75	\$9.22
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	\$33.95	\$36.04	\$69.99
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$9.98	\$10.59	\$20.57
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$1.65	\$1.75	\$3.40
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	\$2.16	\$2.29	\$4.45
West Perth Power Inc.	\$1.01	\$1.07	\$2.08
Westario Power Inc.	\$10.69	\$11.35	\$22.04
Whitby Hydro Electric Corp.	\$25.52	\$27.09	\$52.61
Total, Electricity Distributors	\$2,675.25	\$2,840.00	\$5,515.25