



**EB-2013-0398**

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** Board costs in relation to a Consultation on TransCanada PipeLines Limited's proposed Energy East Pipeline project.

**BEFORE:** Marika Hare  
Presiding Member

Emad Elsayed  
Member

## **DECISION AND ORDER ON BOARD COSTS**

**March 25, 2015**

On April 15, 2014, the Board issued a letter stating that the Minister of Energy (in a letter dated November 12, 2013) requested the Board to examine and report on TransCanada PipeLines Limited's ("TransCanada") proposed Energy East Pipeline project from an Ontario perspective. That request, made under section 35 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act"), contemplated that the Board would undertake consultations with Ontarians and Aboriginal communities, and engage and consult external experts.

Further, the Board's April 15<sup>th</sup> letter stated that a material portion of the costs incurred in complying with the Minister's request, including the costs of external consultants engaged by the Board, is to be funded from existing Board revenues. However, given the significance of the review to the provincial energy sector, the Board determined that the balance of the costs is to be recovered under section 30 of the Act from all entities which are subject to the Board's cost assessment under section 26 of the Act. That group comprises of all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors, all rate-regulated licensed electricity transmitters, all rate-regulated natural gas distributors, all licensed natural gas marketers, all licensed low-volume electricity retailers, the Independent Electricity System Operator, the Ontario Power

Authority and Ontario Power Generation Inc. (collectively, the “Entities”). The costs are to be apportioned amongst these entities on the same basis as indirect costs are apportioned for purposes of the Board’s cost assessments under section 26 of the Act.

As of February 28, 2015, the Board costs associated with this consultation amount to \$1,866,530.36. The Board has funded \$532,453.70 out of its existing revenue. This Decision and Order is in relation to the balance of the Board costs which amounts to \$1,334,076.66.

The Board’s consultation was a two-part process that provided a forum for Ontarians and Aboriginal communities to express their views on the proposed project. The Board held public, First Nations and Métis meetings in communities along the proposed pipeline route in March / April 2014 and then again in January 2015. The consultation was broad and transparent allowing time and opportunity for Ontarians and Aboriginal communities to make oral and written comments. Furthermore, as per the Minister’s letter (dated November 12, 2013), technical advisors were retained to assist the Board in considering the implications of the following:

- impacts on Ontario natural gas consumers, in particular those in Eastern and Northern Ontario in terms of prices, reliability and access to supply;
- impacts in Ontario on the natural environment and pipeline safety;
- impacts in Ontario on local communities and Aboriginal communities; and
- the short and long term economic impacts of the project in Ontario.

In the first part of the consultation, the Board heard concerns from Ontarians and Aboriginal communities about the potential impacts, both positive and negative, regarding the Energy East Pipeline project.

In the second part of the consultation, the Board’s technical advisors assessed TransCanada’s Energy East application that was filed with the National Energy Board on October 30, 2014. These preliminary assessments were shared with Ontarians and Aboriginal communities at the community meetings. In addition, the Board held a two-day Stakeholder Forum on January 29 – 30, 2015 to provide an

opportunity for organizations such as businesses, distributors, and other industry groups to discuss the potential impacts of the Energy East project.

The Board has completed the second part of its consultation. The Board's technical advisors are now finalizing their assessments. After the release of these assessments, the Board will give Ontarians and Aboriginal communities the opportunity to submit written comments to the Board. The Board will then submit its report to the Minister.

All materials are posted on the Board's website.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Entities listed in Appendix "A" (attached hereto) shall pay the Board's costs of, and incidental to, this consultation.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 25, 2015

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

## **Appendix A**

### **Decision and Order on Board Costs March 25, 2015**

**EB-2013-0398: Consultation on TransCanada PipeLines Limited's proposed  
Energy East Pipeline project**

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| <b>Gas Distributor, Transmitter, Storage Company</b> | <b>Board Costs<br/>EB-2013-0398</b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Enbridge Gas Distribution                            | 105,508.01                          |
| Union Gas  | 88,775.84                           |
| Natural Resource Gas                                 | 472.53                              |
|  |                                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$ 194,756.38</b>                |

| <b>Electricity Distribution System<br/>Owner/Operator</b> | <b>Board Costs<br/>EB-2013-0398</b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Algoma Power Inc.   | 4,746.37                            |
| Atikokan Hydro Inc.                                       | 284.35                              |
| Attawapiskat Power Corporation                            | 248.28                              |
| Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation                  | 5,107.32                            |
| Brant County Power Inc.                                   | 1,460.69                            |
| Brantford Power Inc.                                      | 3,459.30                            |
| Burlington Hydro Inc.                                     | 8,355.71                            |
| Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc.                   | 6,013.64                            |
| Canadian Niagara Power Inc.                               | 4,001.37                            |
| Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.                              | 707.45                              |
| Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation                     | 164.40                              |
| Entegrus Powerlines Inc.                                  | 4,340.78                            |
| COLLUS PowerStream Corp.                                  | 1,675.89                            |
| Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.                             | 194.36                              |
| Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Limited   | 2,908.00                            |
| E.L.K. Energy Inc.  | 886.35                              |
| Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.                         | 26,947.93                           |
| EnWin Utilities Ltd.                                      | 11,826.36                           |
| Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation                        | 1,938.56                            |
| Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corp.                | 367.92                              |
| Essex Powerlines Corporation                              | 2,688.44                            |
| Festival Hydro Inc.                                       | 2,657.80                            |
| Fort Albany Power Corporation                             | 166.80                              |
| Fort Frances Power Corporation                            | 421.38                              |
| Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.                                | 5,802.06                            |
| Grimsby Power Inc.  | 1,168.43                            |
| Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.                        | 6,191.36                            |
| Haldimand County Hydro Inc.                               | 3,427.78                            |
| Halton Hills Hydro Inc.                                   | 2,547.46                            |
| Horizon Utilities Corporation                             | 25,399.61                           |
| Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.                                     | 405.57                              |

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|---|------------|
| Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited       | 278.64     |
| Hydro 2000 Inc.                                 | 106.89     |
| Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.                | 14,254.58  |
| Hydro One Networks Inc.                         | 290,353.78 |
| Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.               | 5,170.90   |
| Hydro Ottawa Limited                            | 36,002.82  |
| Innpower Corporation                            | 2,086.05   |
| Kashechewan Power Corporation                   | 226.87     |
| Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.          | 689.83     |
| Kingston Hydro Corporation                      | 2,671.29   |
| Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.                     | 10,188.30  |
| Lakefront Utilities Inc.                        | 1,242.68   |
| Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.                | 1,940.03   |
| London Hydro Inc.                               | 14,907.96  |
| Midland Power Utility Corporation               | 957.30     |
| Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.                  | 3,341.43   |
| Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.           | 3,533.16   |
| Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.                   | 6,630.55   |
| Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.                  | 1,151.66   |
| Norfolk Power Distribution Inc.                 | 2,728.33   |
| North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited            | 2,751.15   |
| Northern Ontario Wires Inc.                     | 653.16     |
| Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.    | 8,016.93   |
| Orangeville Hydro Limited                       | 1,470.94   |
| Orillia Power Distribution Corporation          | 1,944.30   |
| Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.                        | 4,435.51   |
| Ottawa River Power Corporation                  | 953.65     |
| Peterborough Distribution Incorporated          | 4,087.80   |
| PowerStream Inc.                                | 38,787.42  |
| PUC Distribution Inc.                           | 4,239.73   |
| Renfrew Hydro Inc.                              | 438.23     |
| Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.           | 612.92     |
| St. Thomas Energy Inc.                          | 1,722.39   |
| Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.                        | 496.62     |
| Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. | 5,095.42   |
| Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.                          | 730.54     |
| Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited           | 125,654.05 |
| Veridian Connections Inc.                       | 12,855.65  |
| Wasaga Distribution Inc.                        | 1,030.28   |
| Waterloo North Hydro Inc.                       | 7,860.59   |
| Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.             | 2,426.84   |
| Wellington North Power Inc.                     | 546.67     |

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| West Coast Huron Energy Inc.      | 507.85               |
| Westario Power Inc.               | 2,122.43             |
| Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation | 4,660.97             |
| Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.     | 1,909.66             |
|                                   |                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$ 770,986.44</b> |

| <b>Electricity Transmission System<br/>Owner/Operator</b> | <b>Board Costs<br/>EB-2013-0398</b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Canadian Niagara Power Inc.                               | 530.71                              |
| Five Nations Energy Inc.                                  | 729.23                              |
| Great Lakes Power Inc.                                    | 4,162.24                            |
| Niagara West Transformation Corporation                   | 84.87                               |
| Hydro One Networks Inc.                                   | 163,718.35                          |
|   |                                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$ 169,225.39</b>                |

| <b>Electricity Retailers</b>                                     | <b>Board Costs<br/>EB-2013-0398</b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Active Energy Inc.   | 1,678.53                            |
| Ag Energy Co-operative Ltd.                                      | 33.31                               |
| Bullfrog Power Inc.  | 11.43                               |
| Canada Energy Wholesalers Ltd.                                   | 1,222.05                            |
| Canadian RiteRate Energy Corporation                             | 1.54                                |
| Direct Energy Marketing Limited                                  | 8,881.65                            |
| Hudson Energy Canada Corp.                                       | 74.67                               |
| Just Energy Ontario L.P.   | 27,807.24                           |
| ONIT Energy Ltd.   | 29.37                               |
| Planet Energy (Ontario) Corp.                                    | 3,419.43                            |
| Summitt Energy Management Inc.<br>on behalf of Summitt Energy LP | 9,313.89                            |
| Sunwave Gas & Power Inc.   | 317.27                              |
| Superior Energy Management Electricity LP                        | 380.76                              |
|  |                                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$ 53,171.13</b>                 |

| <b>Gas Marketers</b>                 | <b>Board Costs<br/>EB-2013-0398</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Access Gas Services (Ontario) Inc.   | 3.39                                |
| Active Energy Corp.                  | 1,637.87                            |
| Ag Energy Co-operative Ltd.          | 15.47                               |
| Canadian RiteRate Energy Corporation | 536.68                              |
| Direct Energy Marketing Limited      | 11,647.53                           |

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| Hudson Energy Canada Corp.                                      | 41.56               |
| Just Energy Ontario L.P.  | 13,939.86           |
| Planet Energy (Ontario) Corp.                                   | 950.62              |
| Summitt Energy Management Inc.                                  | 4,647.34            |
| Superior Energy Management,<br>a division of Superior Plus Inc. | 3,104.59            |
| Sunwave Gas & Power Inc.  | 80.56               |
|   |                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$ 36,605.47</b> |

| <b>IESO/OPG</b> | <b>Board Costs<br/>EB-2013-0398</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| IESO            | 65,407.05                           |
| OPG             | 43,924.80                           |
|                 |                                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$ 109,331.85</b>                |

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**TOTAL up to Feb 28, 2015** **\$ 1,334,076.66**

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