



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 the Ontario Energy Board costs in relation to a Consultation on TransCanada PipeLines Limited's proposed Energy East Pipeline project.

BEFORE: Emad Elsayed
Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD COSTS

December 16, 2015

On April 15, 2014, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a letter stating that the Ontario Minister of Energy (in a letter dated November 12, 2013) requested the OEB 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 OEB would undertake consultations with local and Aboriginal communities, and engage and consult external experts.

Further, the OEB's April 15th 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 OEB, is to be funded from existing OEB revenues. However, given the significance of the review to the provincial energy sector, the OEB 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 OEB's cost assessment under section 26 of the Act. That group comprises 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 OEB's cost assessments under section 26 of the Act.

On March 25, 2015, the OEB issued a Decision and Order dealing with OEB costs associated with the consultation of \$1,866,530.36 for the period up to February 28, 2015. Of that amount, \$1,334,076.66 was to be funded by the Entities and the balance of \$532,453.70 was to be funded out of the OEB's existing revenue.

On June 29, 2015, the OEB issued a second Decision and Order, dealing with OEB costs associated with the consultation of \$551,429.03 for the period March 1 to June 25, 2015.

For this Decision and Order, the OEB costs associated with the consultation amounted to \$111,101.27 during the period June 26 to December 15, 2015. This is the final Decision and Order associated with the consultation.

The OEB's consultation was a two-part process that provided a forum for local and Aboriginal communities, and stakeholders to express their views on the proposed project. The OEB held public, First Nations and Métis meetings in communities along the proposed pipeline route in March and April 2014, and then again in January 2015. The OEB also held a two-day Stakeholder Forum on January 29 and 30, 2015.

The consultation was broad and transparent allowing time and opportunity for local 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 OEB 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.

On August 13, 2015, the OEB submitted its Report to the Minister. The OEB has completed its consultation. All materials pertaining to this consultation are posted on the OEB's website.

THE OEB THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

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

DATED at Toronto, December 16, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Schedule A

**Decision and Order on OEB Costs
December 16, 2015**

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

Gas Distributor, Transmitter, Storage Company	Total Board Costs up to Dec 15, 2015
Enbridge Gas Distribution	\$ 8,721.32
Union Gas	\$ 7,841.01
Natural Resource Gas	\$ 44.68
GAS TOTAL	\$ 16,607.01

Electricity Distribution System Owner/Operator	Total Board Costs up to Dec 15, 2015
Algoma Power Inc.	\$ 412.63
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$ 26.53
Attawapiskat Power Corp.	\$ 20.29
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$ 394.97
Brant County Power Inc.	\$ 121.49
Brantford Power Inc.	\$ 295.70
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$ 609.71
Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc.	\$ 517.26
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$ 362.60
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$ 66.84
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$ 16.81
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$ 367.69
Collus PowerStream Corp.	\$ 120.67
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$ 16.64
Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Ltd.	\$ 239.74
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$ 71.99
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	\$ 2,277.22
Enwin Utilities Ltd.	\$ 961.09
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation	\$ 206.83
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	\$ 38.27
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$ 219.98
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$ 214.39
Fort Albany Power Corporation	\$ 14.23
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$ 36.75
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$ 509.03
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$ 82.64
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	\$ 516.21
Haldimand County Hydro Inc.	\$ 283.71
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$ 182.08
Horizon Utilities Corporation	\$ 2,047.03
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$ 29.94
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$ 22.02
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$ 9.81
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	\$ 1,296.82
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$ 24,749.68

Hydro One Remote Communities Incorporated	\$ 457.84
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$ 2,967.31
Innpower Corporation	\$ 148.78
Kashechewan Power Corporation	\$ 19.23
Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.	\$ 56.14
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$ 253.30
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	\$ 775.99
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$ 89.00
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 160.97
London Hydro Inc.	\$ 1,254.07
Midland Power Utility Corporation	\$ 70.20
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$ 293.54
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$ 301.79
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$ 548.39
Niagara-on-the-lake Hydro Inc.	\$ 100.25
Norfolk Power Distribution Inc.	\$ 229.46
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$ 230.34
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$ 74.11
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$ 685.65
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$ 108.33
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	\$ 156.77
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$ 366.71
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$ 78.91
Peterborough Distribution Incorporated	\$ 305.09
Powerstream Inc.	\$ 3,161.10
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$ 374.99
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$ 36.18
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$ 51.52
St. Thomas Energy Inc.	\$ 135.19
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$ 38.40
Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$ 366.80
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$ 74.18
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$ 10,629.86
Veridian Connections Inc.	\$ 970.91
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$ 68.89
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	\$ 623.04
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$ 172.90
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$ 47.60
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	\$ 50.94
Westario Power Inc.	\$ 202.69
Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation	\$ 447.38
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.	\$ 168.29
ED TOTAL	\$ 64,712.31

Electricity Transmission System Owner/Operator	Total Board Costs up to Dec 15, 2015
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$ 41.25
Five Nations Energy Inc.	\$ 56.91
Great Lakes Power Ltd.	\$ 336.78
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$ 12,990.01
ET TOTAL	\$ 13,424.96

IESO/OPG	Total Board Costs up to Dec 15, 2015
IESO	\$ 5,211.22
OPG	\$ 3,602.23
IESO/OPG TOTAL	\$ 8,813.44

Electricity Retailers	Total Board Costs up to Dec 15, 2015
Active Energy Inc.	\$ 171.32
AgEnergy Co-operative Ltd.	\$ 1.93
Bullfrog Power Inc.	\$ 0.48
Canada Energy Wholesalers Ltd.	\$ 96.73
Canadian RiteRate Energy Corporation	\$ 0.42
Direct Energy Marketing Limited	\$ 525.23
H2O Power Limited Partnership/Societe Commandite H2O Energie	\$ 0.01
Hudson Energy Canada Corp.	\$ 37.16
Just Energy Ontario L.P.	\$ 2,413.39
ONIT Energy Ltd.	\$ 5.92
Planet Energy (Ontario) Corp.	\$ 396.00
Summitt Energy Management Inc. on behalf of Summitt Energy LP	\$ 719.33
Sunwave Gas & Power Inc.	\$ 109.00
Superior Energy Management Electricity LP	\$ 18.98
ER TOTAL	\$ 4,495.91

Gas Marketers	Total Board Costs up to Dec 15, 2015
Access Gas Services (Ontario) Inc.	\$ 0.55
Active Energy Corp.	\$ 170.75
Ag Energy Co-operative Ltd.	\$ 1.41
Canadian RiteRate Energy Corporation	\$ 47.47

Direct Energy Marketing Limited	\$ 862.56
Hudson Energy Canada Corp.	\$ 10.78
Just Energy Ontario L.P.	\$ 1,252.52
Onit Energy Ltd.	\$ 0.17
Planet Energy (Ontario) Corp.	\$ 141.81
Summitt Energy Management Inc. on behalf of Summitt Energy LP	\$ 407.65
Superior Energy Management Gas LP	\$ 133.12
Sunwave Gas & Power Inc.	\$ 18.85
GM TOTAL	\$ 3,047.64

Total Board Costs up to Dec 15, 2015	\$ 111,101.27
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