



**Ontario Energy Board
Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario**

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2015-0141

**ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS
PARTNERSHIP ET AL.**

**Motion to Review and Vary Decision EB-2013-01416/EB-2014-0247 approving
Distribution Rates and Charges for Hydro One Networks Inc. for 2015-2017**

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Emad Elsayed
Member

October 05, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Eleven cable and telecommunications companies and associations (the Carriers), with leave of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), jointly filed a Notice of Motion to review and vary the OEB's March 12, 2015 decision approving distribution rates and charges for Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) for 2015 through 2017, as it relates to the charge they (or in the case of the associations, their members) are required to pay to use Hydro One's poles (the Pole Access Charge).

On August 4, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Hydro One to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Hydro One.

The OEB received cost claims from the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), School Energy Coalition (SEC), Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario (SIA) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC). No objections were received from Hydro One.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by CME, SEC, SIA and VECC to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that all the claims are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Hydro One.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

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| • Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters | \$ 8,782.36 |
| • School Energy Coalition | \$ 7,780.05 |
| • Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario | \$ 8,684.05 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$13,911.08 |

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, Hydro One shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto October 05, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary