



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2017-0032

CENTRE WELLINGTON HYDRO LTD.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges
beginning January 1, 2018**

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Member

Rumina Velshi
Member

March 5, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to a Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. (Centre Wellington Hydro) proceeding.

Centre Wellington Hydro filed a cost of service application with the OEB under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Centre Wellington Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2018.

The OEB granted the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On January 18, 2018, the OEB issued its Final Rate Order¹ in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Centre Wellington Hydro to object to the claims, and for intervenors to respond to any objection raised by Centre Wellington Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims from SEC and VECC. No objection was received from Centre Wellington Hydro.

Findings

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

The OEB finds that SEC and VECC are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The claim of VECC required a minor reduction due to an immaterial error related to its reported hours. The OEB finds that the claim of SEC and the adjusted claim of VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Centre Wellington Hydro.

¹ The Final Rate Order was issued January 18, 2018 and corrected February 2, 2018

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

- School Energy Coalition \$14,457.22
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$14,755.11

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

DATED at Toronto March 5, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary