



EB-2014-0211

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Halton Hills  
Hydro Inc. for an order approving the recovery of certain  
amounts related to the restoration of electricity service in  
the Town of Halton Hills due to an ice storm in December  
2013, to be effective November 1, 2014 for 24 months.

**BEFORE:** Christine Long  
Presiding Member

Allison Duff  
Member

## **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**March 5, 2015**

### **Background**

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. (Halton Hills Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the OEB) on June 6, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for the recovery of certain amounts related to the restoration of electricity service in the Town of Halton Hills due to an ice storm in December 2013.

On July 22, 2014, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On December 11, 2014, the OEB issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Halton Hills Hydro to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Halton Hills Hydro.

On January 8, 2015 the OEB issued its Final Rate Order.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC. No objections were received from Halton Hills Hydro.

### **Board Findings**

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims of Energy Probe and VECC and finds that both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that the claims of Energy Probe and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Halton Hills Hydro.

### **THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Halton Hills Hydro shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
  - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$2,861.12;
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$1,987.98.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Halton Hills 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, 2015  
**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary