



**EB-2014-0097**

**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 Niagara-on-  
the-Lake Hydro Inc. for an order approving just and  
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity  
distribution to be effective May 1, 2015.

**BEFORE:** Marika Hare  
Presiding Member

Allison Duff  
Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**  
**May 5, 2015**

**Background**

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. (Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 25, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval for changes to the rates that Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro charges for electricity distribution, effective May 1, 2015.

On November 4, 2014, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost eligibility in relation to Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's proposed incremental capital module.

On March 19, 2015, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro to object

to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro.

On April 16, 2015, the OEB issued its Final Rate Order.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC. No objections were received from Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro.

## Findings

The OEB has reviewed Energy Probe's and VECC's cost claims and finds that both parties are eligible for 100% of the incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that Energy Probe's and VECC's claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro.

## THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
  - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$2,267.92
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2,458.46
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 5, 2015

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary