



EB-2014-0244

**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 Hydro One  
Inc. for leave to purchase all of the issued and outstanding  
shares of Haldimand County Utilities Inc. under section  
86(2)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Haldimand  
County Hydro Inc. seeking to include a rate rider in its  
2014 Ontario Energy Board approved rate schedule to  
give effect to a 1% reduction relative to 2014 base  
electricity delivery rates (exclusive of rate riders) under  
section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Haldimand  
County Hydro Inc. for leave to dispose of its distribution  
system to Hydro One Networks Inc. under section  
86(1)(a) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Haldimand  
County Hydro Inc. for leave to transfer its distribution  
licence and rate order to Hydro One Networks Inc. under  
section 18 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998.

**BEFORE:** Ken Quesnelle  
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Christine Long  
Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**June 4, 2015**

## Background

Hydro One Inc. and Haldimand County Hydro Inc. (Haldimand) filed related applications with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 31, 2014 seeking the following:

1. Hydro One Inc. applied for leave to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Haldimand County Utilities Inc. under section 86(2)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act);
2. Haldimand applied for inclusion of a rate rider in its 2014 Board approved rate schedule to give effect to a 1% reduction relative to 2014 base electricity delivery rates (exclusive of rate riders) under section 78 of the Act;
3. Haldimand applied for leave to dispose of its distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) under section 86(1)(a) of the Act; and
4. Haldimand applied for leave to transfer its distribution licence and rate order to Hydro One under section 18 of the Act.

On September 26, 2014, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Ms. Linda Rogers intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On March 12, 2015, the OEB issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for the applicants to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by the applicants.

The OEB received one cost claim from SEC. Ms. Linda Rogers did not submit a cost claim. No objection was received from the applicants.

## OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed SEC's cost claim and finds that SEC is approved to recover 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that SEC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by the applicants.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the applicants shall immediately pay SEC \$5,817.24.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the applicants shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, June 4, 2015

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary