



EB-2013-0416

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 Networks Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2015, and each year thereafter to December 31, 2019;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for an order approving an exemption from sections 7.5.1 and 7.5.2. of the Distribution System Code.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Marika Hare
Member

Emad Elsayed
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

June 18, 2015

Background

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed a cost of service rate application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 19, 2013 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 Hydro One charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2015 and each year thereafter to December 31, 2019.

On March 14, 2014, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Balsam Lake Coalition, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), City of Hamilton, Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), Green Energy Coalition (GEC), Mr. Patrick Hurley, Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), School Energy Coalition (SEC), Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario (SIA) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On March 12, 2015, the OEB issued its Decision. On April 23, 2015, the OEB issued its 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 AMPCO, Balsam Lake Coalition, CME, City of Hamilton, CCC, Energy Probe, GEC, SEC, SIA and VECC. By email, Mr. Patrick Hurley, FOCA and OFA stated that they are not filing any cost claims. No objections were received from Hydro One.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims of AMPCO, Balsam Lake Coalition, CME, City of Hamilton, CCC, Energy Probe, GEC, SEC, SIA and VECC.

The OEB finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The claims of CME and VECC each require a minor reduction to comply with the government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*. The OEB finds that the claims of AMPCO, Balsam Lake Coalition, City of Hamilton, CCC, Energy Probe, GEC, SEC and SIA and the adjusted claims of CME and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Hydro One.

THE BOARD THEREFORE 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:

• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$76,623.06
• Balsam Lake Coalition	\$11,841.75
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$117,285.61
• City of Hamilton	\$52,323.52
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$68,240.70
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$70,116.94
• Green Energy Coalition	\$29,837.46
• School Energy Coalition	\$87,237.13
• Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario	\$39,897.48
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$102,673.10

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, June 18, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary