



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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2014-0096

NIAGARA PENINSULA ENERGY INC.

2015 Electricity Distribution Rates

Before: Christine Long
Presiding Member

Allison Duff
Member

July 13, 2015

Background

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (NPEI) filed a cost of service application seeking approval from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to change the rates NPEI charges for electricity distribution effective May 1, 2015.

On November 18, 2014, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On May 14, 2015, the OEB issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for NPEI to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by NPEI.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from NPEI.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. The OEB finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The claim of Energy Probe requires a minor reduction to correct an error in the HST calculation. The OEB finds that the claims of SEC and VECC and the adjusted claim of Energy Probe are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by NPEI.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

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

• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$27,447.22
• School Energy Coalition	\$22,970.64
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$27,439.17
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NPEI shall pay

the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, July 13, 2015

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Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary