



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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2014-0073

FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.

Application for Approval of Electricity Distribution Rates for 2015

BEFORE: Christine Long
Presiding Member

Ellen Fry
Member

July 30, 2015

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the OEB) on May 30, 2014 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 Festival charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2015.

The OEB granted the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), 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 April 30, 2015, the OEB issued its Decision and Order, subsequently corrected on May 5, 2015, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Festival to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Festival.

On June 4, 2015, the OEB issued its Rate Order.

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

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by AMPCO, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

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 reduction to correct errors in the HST calculation. The OEB finds that the claims of AMPCO, SEC and VECC and the adjusted claim of Energy Probe are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Festival.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$20,097.28
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$33,360.41
• School Energy Coalition	\$27,210.40
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$32,539.77

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, Festival shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto July 30, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary