

Ontario Energy
Board

Commission de l'énergie
de l'Ontario



EB-2015-0148

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost awards in relation to a
consultation process for the implementation of the Ontario
Electricity Support Program

BEFORE: Rosemarie T. Leclair
Chair and CEO

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
April 24, 2015

The OEB is implementing the Ontario Electricity Support Program in accordance with its Report of the Board--Developing an Ontario Electricity Support Program, dated December 22, 2014.

As part of the ongoing development and implementation of the Ontario Electricity Support Program, the OEB has incurred and will incur costs in relation to consultants working for the OEB. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) will be responsible for paying those costs under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act).

The Board is disposing of this matter without a hearing pursuant to section 21(4)(b) of the Act. Section 21(4)(b) of the Act states that the Board may dispose of a proceeding without a hearing if the Board determines that “no person, other than the applicant, appellant or licence holder will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of the proceeding and the applicant, appellant or licence holder has consented to disposing of a proceeding without a hearing.” The IESO has consented to disposing of this matter without a hearing. The Board has determined that since the IESO will be able to recover the cost awards from consumers and since the costs of this matter will be immaterial on consumers overall bills, no one will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of this proceeding.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. The IESO shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this consultation process immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.
2. The IESO shall keep the costs paid under section 1 above in a separate account (i.e., separate from the rest of its fees and charges). Under proposed legislation the costs of the OESP, including the costs related to the development and implementation of the OESP, will be recovered through a charge set by the OEB and recovered from all Ontario electricity consumers. Further instructions regarding the recovery of the costs will be provided by a future Order of the Board.

DATED at Toronto, April 24, 2015



Rosemarie T. Leclair
Chair and CEO