



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2014-0213

**HYDRO ONE INC., HYDRO ONE NETWORKS
INC., WOODSTOCK HYDRO SERVICES INC.**

**Applications for the Acquisition of Woodstock Hydro
Services Inc. by Hydro One Inc.**

BEFORE: Ellen Fry
Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

December 7, 2015

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Hydro One Inc. (Hydro One) and Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. (WHSI) filed related applications with the Ontario Energy Board (the OEB) on July 11, 2014 seeking the following:

1. Hydro One applied for leave to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Woodstock Hydro Holdings Inc. under section 86(2)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act);
2. WHSI applied for inclusion of a rate rider in its 2014 OEB 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. WHSI applied for leave to dispose of its distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc. under section 86(1)(a) of the Act; and
4. WHSI applied for leave to transfer its distribution licence and rate order to Hydro One Networks Inc. under section 18 of the Act.

The OEB granted School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Concerned Citizens Against the Sale of Woodstock Hydro (CSASWH) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On September 11, 2015, the OEB issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Hydro One and WHSI to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Hydro One and WHSI.

On October 16, 2015, the OEB issued its Final Rate Order.

The OEB received cost claims from SEC and CSASWH. By e-mail dated December 2, 2015, Hydro One stated that it had no objections to the cost claims. No objection was received from WHSI.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by SEC and CSASWH to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. SEC's claim requires a minor reduction of \$372.90 because the hours claimed by Mr. Shepherd do not match with the docket of hours.

The OEB finds that the claims of CSASWH and the adjusted claim of SEC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by HOI and WHSI.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD 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:
 - School Energy Coalition \$15,693.44
 - Concerned Citizens Against the Sale of Woodstock Hydro \$6,339.30
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, WHSI shall immediately pay:
 - School Energy Coalition \$15,693.44
 - Concerned Citizens Against the Sale of Woodstock Hydro \$6,339.30
3. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One and WHSI shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto December 7, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary