



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2015-0073

GUELPH HYDRO ELECTRIC SYSTEMS INC.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges
beginning January 1, 2016**

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

December 21, 2015

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Guelph Hydro filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to change the rates it charges to its customers for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2016 (the application).

The OEB granted 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 November 26, 2015, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Guelph Hydro to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Guelph Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. On December 4, 2015, Guelph Hydro filed its response indicating that it had no objections to the cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by 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 OEB finds that the claims of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Guelph Hydro.

THE OEB ORDERS THAT:

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

• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$23,364.25
• School Energy Coalition	\$34,033.34
• Vulnerable energy Consumers Coalition	\$24,420.24

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

DATED at Toronto December 21, 2015

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Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary