



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

---

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST  
AWARDS**

**EB-2015-0083**

**KINGSTON HYDRO CORPORATION**

**Application for electricity distribution rates for the period from  
January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020**

**BEFORE: Cathy Spoel**  
Presiding Member

**Christine Long**  
Member

**Victoria Christie**  
Member

---

**January 8, 2016**

---

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Kingston Hydro Corporation (Kingston Hydro) filed a custom incentive rate-setting application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on June 1, 2015 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 Kingston Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2016 and for each following year through to December 31, 2020.

The OEB granted the Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), School Energy Coalition (SEC), the Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario (SIA) 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 Kingston Hydro to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Kingston Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims from CCC, Energy Probe, SEC, SIA and VECC. No objections were received from Kingston Hydro.

### OEB Findings

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

The OEB finds that CCC, Energy Probe, SEC, SIA and VECC are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that all the claims are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Kingston Hydro.

### THE OEB ORDERS THAT:

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

- |  |             |
|--|-------------|
| • Consumers Council of Canada                    | \$23,780.85 |
| • Energy Probe Research Foundation               | \$26,227.22 |
| • School Energy Coalition                        | \$34,310.19 |
| • Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario | \$6,717.85  |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition          | \$31,039.55 |

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

**DATED** at Toronto January 8, 2016

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary