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

# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2015-0108

# WATERLOO NORTH HYDRO INC.

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

**BEFORE: Christine Long** 

**Presiding Member** 

January 25, 2016

#### INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Waterloo North Hydro Inc. (Waterloo North Hydro) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 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 Waterloo North Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2016.

The OEB granted E2 Energy representing the University of Waterloo (E2 Energy), 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 Waterloo North Hydro to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Waterloo North Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims from E2 Energy, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. On December 4, 2015, Waterloo North Hydro indicated that it had no objections to the cost claims from E2, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC.

## **OEB Findings**

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by E2 Energy, 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 E2 Energy, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Waterloo North Hydro.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

•	E2 Energy	\$20,060.33
•	Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$23,198.96
•	School Energy Coalition	\$19,502.67
•	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$23,895.16

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, Waterloo North 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 25, 2016

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli

**Board Secretary**