



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2015-0051

ALGOMA POWER INC.

Application for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2016.

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Member

Victoria Christie
Member

February 5, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Algoma Power Inc. (Algoma Power) filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 14, 2015 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2016.

The OEB granted the Algoma Coalition and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility. On December 10, 2015, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Algoma Power to object to the claim, and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Algoma Power.

The OEB received the cost claims from the Algoma Coalition and VECC. No objection letter was received from Algoma Power.

OEB Findings

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

The OEB will approve VECC's request for cost awards, as submitted. For the Algoma Coalition, the OEB will approve an award of costs in the amount of \$4,975.73. This amount corresponds to the portion of the cost claim for hours worked prior to October 7, 2015 and after November 9th (being the issuance dates for PO#1 and PO#3, respectively), but not for hours worked in between those dates.

In PO#1, the OEB approved Algoma Coalition as an intervenor, yet denied its request for cost award eligibility.

In Decision and PO#3 issued November 9, 2015, the OEB granted cost award eligibility based on the additional information provided and ordered that the "Coalition will be limited to the provision of a written submission on Algoma Power's rate design proposal for customers in the R1 class." The OEB finds Algoma Coalition's claim for preparing and filing its written submission to be reasonable.

There was only one disbursement for \$114.00 dated October 28, 2015. It appears to be the courier costs for delivering Algoma Coalition's Notice of Motion, which is also denied.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

Algoma Coalition	\$4,975.73
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$2,768.56.

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

DATED at Toronto February 5, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary