



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2015-0259

HALDIMAND COUNTY HYDRO 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

March 01, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Haldimand County Hydro Inc. (Haldimand County Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 30, 2015, to seek approval for its proposal to implement the new distribution rate design for residential customers to be effective January 1, 2016.

The OEB granted the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility in relation to Haldimand County Hydro's request for mitigating the impact of the shift to fixed rates.

On January 14, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim, for Haldimand County Hydro to object to the claim and for VECC to respond to any objection raised by Haldimand County Hydro.

The OEB received the cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from Haldimand County Hydro.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed VECC's cost claim and finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred cost of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and Haldimand County Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Haldimand County Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$1,135.54.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Haldimand County Hydro shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto March 01, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary