

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

# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2015-0271

## WOODSTOCK HYDRO SERVICES 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

Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. (Woodstock Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 19, 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 Woodstock 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 Woodstock Hydro to object to the claim and for VECC to respond to any objection raised by Woodstock Hydro.

The OEB received the cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from Woodstock 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 Woodstock 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*, Woodstock Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$1,143.30.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Woodstock 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