



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2015-0091

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HYDRO INC.

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

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Member

Victoria Christie
Member

April 14, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. (Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro) filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 25, 2015 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) and under the OEB's Filing Requirements for Incentive Regulation Rate Applications seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2016.

The OEB granted the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility in relation to Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's proposed disposition of a supplemental balance in Deferral Account 1576 of \$202,237 as a refund to customers over a three year term.

On March 17, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim, for Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro to object to the claim and for VECC to respond to any objection raised by Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro.

On March 24, 2016, the OEB issued its Final Rate Order.

The OEB received the cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from Niagara-on-the-Lake 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 Niagara-on-the-Lake 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*, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$1,562.85.

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

DATED at Toronto April 14, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary