



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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2015-0054

BRANT COUNTY POWER 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

Brant County Power Inc. (Brant County Power) filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 19, 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 Brant County Power's request not to mitigate the impact of the shift to fixed rates beyond the OEB-mandated 4 year transition period, even though the rate impact is above the OEB's four dollar threshold.

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 Brant County Power to object to the claim and for VECC to respond to any objection raised by Brant County Power.

The OEB received the cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from Brant County Power.

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 Brant County Power shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Brant County Power shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$1,135.54.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Brant County Power 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