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

# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2015-0064

# **E.LK. ENERGY 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

E.L.K. Energy Inc. (E.L.K. Energy) filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 28, 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 E.L.K. Energy's earnings performance in 2014.

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 E.L.K. Energy to object to the claim and for VECC to respond to any objection raised by E.L.K. Energy.

The OEB received the cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from E.L.K. Energy.

### **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 E.L.K. Energy shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, E.L.K. Energy shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$1,255.08.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, E.L.K. Energy 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