

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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2015-0061

ENTEGRUS POWERLINES INC.

Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges beginning May 1, 2016.

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel

Presiding Member

Victoria Christie

Member

Susan Frank

Member

May 9, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Entegrus Powerlines Inc. (Entegrus Powerlines) filed a complete cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 28, 2015 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Entegrus Powerlines charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2016.

The OEB granted Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On March 17, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Entegrus Powerlines to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Entegrus Powerlines.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from Entegrus Powerlines.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by Energy Probe, SEC and VECC to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB notes that Energy Probe, SEC and VECC claimed time that took place before the application was filed with the OEB on August 28, 2015. As those times predate the application filing date, the OEB will disallow 2.5 hours claimed by Energy Probe, 14.3 hours claimed by SEC and 1.7 hours claimed by VECC.

The OEB finds that the adjusted claims of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are reasonable and Entegrus Powerlines shall reimburse Energy Probe, SEC and VECC for their costs.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Entegrus Powerlines shall immediately pay:

•	Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$19,750.29
•	School Energy Coalition	\$14,521.63
•	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$19,885.18

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

DATED at Toronto May 9, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary