



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2015-0107

WASAGA DISTRIBUTION INC.

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

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Victoria Christie
Member

Peter C.P. Thompson, QC
Member

May 18, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Wasaga Distribution Inc. (Wasaga Distribution) filed a complete cost of service 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), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Wasaga Distribution charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2016.

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

On March 24, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Wasaga Distribution to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Wasaga Distribution.

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

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 finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that the claims of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Wasaga Distribution.

THE OEB ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Wasaga Distribution shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

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| • Energy Probe Research Foundation | \$16,705.68 |
| • School Energy Coalition | \$ 9,758.68 |
| • Vulnerable energy Consumers Coalition | \$18,450.60 |

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

DATED at Toronto May 18, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary