



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2015-0173

**TORONTO HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM
LIMITED**

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

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

September 22, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (Toronto Hydro) filed an application for approval of an ICM true-up amount of \$11.1 million and the resulting proposed rate riders (the Application) with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 8, 2016 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 Toronto Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective November 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017.

The OEB granted the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), School Energy Coalition (SEC), Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario (SIA) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On July 28, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision on Settlement Proposal (Decision), in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Toronto Hydro to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objection raised by Toronto Hydro.

CCC, SEC and SIA filed cost claims by the deadline specified in the Decision. VECC's cost claim was filed on August 11, 2016 and AMPCO's cost claim was received by the OEB on August 19, 2016. These two cost claims are accepted by the OEB notwithstanding the late filing. On August 17, 2016, BOMA advised the OEB that it would not be filing a cost claim for this proceeding. No objections were received from Toronto Hydro.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed all cost claims 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 AMPCO, CCC, SEC, SIA and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Toronto Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Toronto Hydro shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario \$17,859.65
 - Consumers Council of Canada \$11,932.80
 - School Energy Coalition \$10,046.83
 - Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario \$5,980.53
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$8,431.94
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Toronto Hydro shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto September 22, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary