



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
EB-2015-0089**

MILTON HYDRO DISTRIBUTION INC.

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

BEFORE: **Emad Elsayed**
 Presiding Member

 Ken Quesnelle
 Vice Chair and Member

 Peter C. P. Thompson, Q.C.
 Member

September 28, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. (Milton Hydro) 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 Milton Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2016.

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

On July 28, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and Order and on August 25, 2016, the OEB issued its Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for intervenors to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Milton Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. On September 12, 2016, Milton Hydro stated that it had no objections to the cost claims.

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 claim of Energy Probe requires a minor reduction to correct an error in the accommodation charge. The OEB finds that the claims of SEC and VECC and the adjusted claim of Energy Probe are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Milton Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$30,830.47
• School Energy Coalition	\$40,538.98
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$36,252.74

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, Milton 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 28, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary