



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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2016-0077

HORIZON UTILITIES CORPORATION

Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges
beginning January 1, 2017

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Christine Long
Vice Chair and Member

Allison Duff
Member

March 3, 2017

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Horizon Utilities Corporation (Horizon Utilities) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 11, 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 Horizon Utilities charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2017.

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

On January 12, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and Order and on February 2, 2017 the OEB issued its Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Horizon Utilities to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Horizon Utilities.

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, CCC and SEC. BOMA did not file a cost claim. No objections were received from Horizon Utilities.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by AMPCO, CCC and SEC 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 and SEC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Horizon Utilities.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Horizon Utilities shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario \$2,130.05
 - Consumers Council of Canada \$2,610.30
 - School Energy Coalition \$2,600.13

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

DATED at Toronto March 3, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary