



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

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## DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

**EB-2016-0166**

### **RENFREW HYDRO INC.**

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

**BEFORE: Allison Duff**  
Presiding Member

**Victoria Christie**  
Member

**Ellen Fry**  
Member

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**March 6, 2017**

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## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Renfrew Hydro Inc. (Renfrew Hydro) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 22, 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 Renfrew Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2017.

The OEB granted the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On February 9, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims, for Renfrew Hydro to object to the claim and for VECC to respond to any objection raised by Renfrew Hydro.

The OEB received a cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from Renfrew Hydro.

## Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claim filed by VECC to ensure that it is compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Renfrew Hydro.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Renfrew Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$18,024.50.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Renfrew Hydro shall pay the OEB's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto March 6, 2017

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary