



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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
EB-2016-0096

NORTHERN ONTARIO WIRES INC.

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Member

Victoria Christie
Member

April 18, 2017

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Northern Ontario Wires Inc. (Northern Ontario Wires) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 26, 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 Northern Ontario Wires charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2017.

The OEB granted the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On March 23, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Northern Ontario Wires to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Northern Ontario Wires.

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from Northern Ontario Wires.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by AMPCO, 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 all the claims are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Northern Ontario Wires.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Northern Ontario Wires shall immediately pay:

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| • Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario | \$11,961.05 |
| • School Energy Coalition | \$7,837.68 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$14,840.03 |

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

DATED at Toronto April 18, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary