



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

---

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST  
AWARDS**

**EB-2016-0110**

**WELLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM  
CORP.**

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

**BEFORE: Allison Duff**  
Presiding Member

---

**May 30, 2017**

---

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to a Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. (Welland Hydro) proceeding.

Welland Hydro filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 15, 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 Welland Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2017.

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

On May 4, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and 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 Welland Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. On May 12, 2017, Welland Hydro filed a letter stating that it had no objections to the cost claims received from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC.

### Finding

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed 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 Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Welland Hydro.

---

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
  - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$10,972.16
  - School Energy Coalition \$14,878.71
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$10,461.56
  
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto May 30, 2017

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary