



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

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**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST  
AWARDS**

**EB-2016-0061**

**CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.**

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

**BEFORE: Cathy Spoel**  
Presiding Member

**Paul Pastirik**  
Member

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**May 30, 2017**

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**INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to a Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (Canadian Niagara Power) proceeding.

Canadian Niagara Power filed a complete cost of service application with the OEB on July 13, 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 Canadian Niagara Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2017.

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

On March 9, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and 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 Canadian Niagara Power. On April 6, 2017, the OEB issued its Final Rate Order.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No objection was received from Canadian Niagara Power.

**Finding**

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims and 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 HST calculation for accommodation.

The OEB finds that the claims of SEC and VECC and the adjusted claim of Energy Probe are reasonable and that each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Canadian Niagara Power.

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

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

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| • Energy Probe Research Foundation      | \$28,954.78 |
| • School Energy Coalition               | \$39,005.34 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$32,547.82 |
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, Canadian Niagara Power 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