



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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2015-0275

**INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM
OPERATOR**

**Application for approval of 2016 revenue requirement,
expenditures and fees**

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Christine Long
Vice Chair and Member

June 6, 2017

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to an Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) proceeding.

The IESO filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on January 20, 2016 under section 25 (1) of the *Electricity Act, 1998*, seeking approval for the IESO's 2016 expenditures, revenue requirement and fees.

The OEB granted the following parties intervenor status and cost award eligibility:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On December 29, 2016, 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 the IESO.

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, APPrO, BOMA, CME, Energy Probe, OSEA, SEC and VECC. On January 20, 2017, the IESO filed a letter stating that it had no objection to the cost claims.

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 APPrO requires a correction to a photocopy charge and a reduction due to a missing receipt for data acquisition charge.

The claim of BOMA requires a reduction of \$20.50 because the courier receipts do not match the cost claim.

The OEB also notes that SEC claimed 10.1 hours at an hourly rate of \$230/hour for work done after September 2016 by Mr. Rubenstein. Based on the OEB Registrar's letter to Mr. Shepherd dated February 10, 2017, Mr. Rubenstein is not eligible for the

\$230/hour rate until September 2017 when he will have completed six years of practice since his call to the bar in September of 2011. The OEB has adjusted Mr. Rubenstein's hourly rate down to \$170/hour for work done after September 2016. The Board has accordingly reduced SEC's claim by \$684.78.

The OEB finds that the claims of AMPCO, CME, Energy Probe, OSEA and VECC and the adjusted claim of APPRO, BOMA and SEC are reasonable and that each of these claims shall be reimbursed by the IESO.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the Independent Electricity System Operator shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$12,706.85
• Association of Power Producers of Ontario	\$35,823.02
• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$25,729.73
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$12,685.10
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$17,191.76
• Ontario Sustainable Energy Association	\$9,228.54
• School Energy Coalition	\$12,793.86
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$19,088.78

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

DATED at Toronto June 6, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary