



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

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**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST  
AWARDS**

**EB-2015-0100**

**RIDEAU ST. LAWRENCE DISTRIBUTION  
INC.**

**Application for an order approving just and reasonable rates and  
other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2016**

**BEFORE: Allison Duff**  
Presiding Member

**Victoria Christie**  
Member

**Emad Elsayed**  
Member

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**July 12, 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 Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. (Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution) proceeding.

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 21, 2016 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) and under the OEB's Filing Requirements for Incentive Regulation Rate Applications seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2017.

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

On June 15, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution.

VECC filed its cost claim by the deadline specified in the Decision and Order which was June 22, 2017. SEC's cost claim was filed on June 30, 2017. SEC's cost claim is accepted by the OEB notwithstanding the late filing. No objections were received from Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution.

### Finding

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by SEC and VECC to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that SEC's and VECC's claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

- School Energy Coalition \$5,686.16
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$10,890.31

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

**DATED** at Toronto July 12, 2017

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary