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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2023-0009

CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

**Application for rates and other charges to be effective
January 1, 2024**

BEFORE: **David Sword**
 Presiding Commissioner

Anthony Zlahtic
 Commissioner

February 26, 2024

OVERVIEW

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (CNPI) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 17, 2023, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2024. CNPI also applied for a Z-factor claim to recover costs (and carrying charges) related to the damage caused to its distribution system by a windstorm that occurred on December 23, 2022.

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

On January 25, 2024, the OEB issued its Final Rate Order which set out, among other matters, the process for cost awards. The OEB received VECC's cost claim on January 30, 2024. No objection was received from CNPI.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claim filed to ensure that it is compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that the cost claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by CNPI.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, CNPI shall promptly pay \$2,744.02 to VECC for its costs.

DATED at Toronto February 26, 2024

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar