



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

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## **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**EB-2015-0094/EB-2017-0202**

### **OAKVILLE HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC.**

**Application for an accounting order approving the establishment  
of a variance account**

**By Delegation, before: Theodore Antonopoulos**

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**December 5, 2017**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This Decision and Order addresses the cost claims filed by the HVAC Coalition and the Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) in relation to Oakville Hydro Distribution Inc.'s (Oakville Hydro) proceeding for 2016 distribution rates.<sup>1</sup>

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) granted HVAC Coalition and the Energy Probe intervenor status and cost award eligibility in Oakville Hydro's 2016 rate proceeding. The issue for which the intervenors were cost eligible did not, however, get resolved in that proceeding. As such, the issuance of cost awards in relation to Oakville Hydro's 2016 rate proceeding was deferred indefinitely.

On May 12, 2017, Oakville Hydro filed an application for an accounting order to establish a variance account and approval of Oakville Hydro's 2016 distribution rates on a final basis.<sup>2</sup> The OEB's Decision and Order issued on October 26, 2017 addressed the issue of the accounting order and, as well, set out the process for disposing of cost claims relating to Oakville Hydro's 2016 rate proceeding.

The HVAC Coalition and Energy Probe filed cost claims. As well, the HVAC Coalition filed additional supporting information for work that preceded the granting of intervention status and cost award eligibility. No objections were received from Oakville Hydro.

## OEB FINDINGS

The OEB approves the cost claim of Energy Probe, as filed.

The OEB disallows a total of 0.9 hours claimed by Mr. J. Shepherd on August 22, 2016 and August 23, 2016 on behalf of the HVAC Coalition. This work was for two activities in August 2016 that the OEB views as being related to Oakville Hydro's 2017 IRM proceeding. The utility's 2017 rate proceeding is not within the scope of this current cost awards process.

The OEB finds that the claim of Energy Probe and the adjusted claim of HVAC Coalition are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Oakville Hydro.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2015-0094

<sup>2</sup> EB-2017-0202

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Oakville Hydro Distribution Inc. shall pay:

- HVAC Coalition \$8,986.89
- Energy Probe Research Foundation \$351.45

Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Oakville Hydro 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 December 5, 2017

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Theodore Antonopoulos  
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