



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

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**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST  
AWARDS**

**EB-2016-0066**

**E.L.K. ENERGY INC.**

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

**BEFORE: Emad Elsayed**  
Presiding Member

**Victoria Christie**  
Member

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**December 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 an E.L.K. Energy Inc. (E.L.K. Energy) proceeding.

E.L.K. Energy filed a cost of service application with the OEB on November 1, 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 E.L.K. Energy charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2017.

The OEB granted the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), School Energy Coalition (SEC), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On November 2, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for E.L.K. Energy to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections.

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from E.L.K. Energy regarding these claims.

### Finding

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed and finds that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that the claims of AMPCO, SEC and VECC are reasonable and that each of these claims shall be reimbursed by E.L.K. Energy.

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**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, E.L.K. Energy Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

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| • Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario | \$17,941.58 |
| • School Energy Coalition                         | \$17,643.82 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition           | \$16,799.56 |

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, E.L.K. Energy 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 12, 2017

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary