



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

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**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST  
AWARDS**

**EB-2017-0150**

**INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM  
OPERATOR**

**Application for approval of 2017 expenditures, revenue  
requirement and fees**

**BEFORE: Cathy Spoel**  
Presiding Member

**Lynne Anderson**  
Member

**Rumina Velshi**  
Member

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**February 05, 2018**

## 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 OEB on April 21, 2017 under section 25(1) of the *Electricity Act, 1998*, seeking approval for the IESO's 2017 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 and Exporters (CME)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence (ED)
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On December 14, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for the IESO 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, ED, OSEA, SEC and VECC. On January 19, 2018, the IESO filed a letter stating that it has no specific concerns with the cost claims filed, with the exception of BOMA. The IESO stated that BOMA's cost claim is more than double the next highest claim and more than triple the approximate average of the other claims.

In its response to the IESO's objections, BOMA indicated that it took a much different approach to the scrutiny of the IESO revenue requirement submission than most other intervenors. BOMA argued that it pursued more detailed analysis of the IESO's overall performance in performing its mandate.

## Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The OEB approves the claims as submitted except for BOMA. The OEB will allow BOMA 90 hours total. While this is higher than other

intervenors, the OEB recognizes that BOMA explored more issues. However, the time spent as originally submitted is still excessive given the nature of the proceeding.

**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	\$21,402.43
• Association of Power Producers of Ontario	\$6,317.83
• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$33,622.53
• Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters	\$10,475.10
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$21,417.15
• Environmental Defence	\$9,130.55
• Ontario Sustainable Energy Association	\$14,062.31
• School Energy Coalition	\$18,086.78
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$12,096.54

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 February 05, 2018

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary