



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2017-0320

HYDRO ONE INC.

**ORILLIA POWER DISTRIBUTION
CORPORATION**

**Motions to review and vary Procedural Order No. 6 issued in
Ontario Energy Board Proceeding EB-2016-0276**

BEFORE: Lynne Anderson
Presiding Member

Emad Elsayed
Member

Michael Janigan
Member

February 7, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on a cost claim filed by the School Energy Coalition (SEC) with respect to a proceeding on motions (Motions Proceeding) filed by Hydro One Inc. (Hydro One) and Orillia Power Distribution Corporation (Orillia Power) to review and vary the OEB's Procedural Order No. 6 issued in Hydro One's application (MAAD application) for approval to acquire Orillia Power.¹

On October 11, 2016, Hydro One filed the MAAD application. The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 6 (Procedural Order) in the MAAD proceeding on July 27, 2017, in which it determined that the hearing of the MAAD application would be adjourned until the OEB rendered its decision on Hydro One's distribution rate application.²

Hydro One and Orillia Power each filed a Notice of Motion for a review and variance of the Procedural Order on August 14, 2017 and August 16, 2017, respectively.

In the Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1 issued on October 24, 2017 in the Motions Proceeding, the OEB stated that it will adopt the intervenors from the MAAD proceeding. The OEB also stated that any party that was determined to be eligible for costs in the MAAD proceeding shall be eligible for costs in the Motions proceeding.

On January 4, 2018, the OEB issued its Decision and Order on the Motions Proceeding in which it set out the process for SEC to file its cost claim, for Hydro One or Orillia Power to object to the claim and for SEC to respond to any objections raised by Hydro One or Orillia Power.

The OEB received a cost claim from SEC. No objection letter was received from Hydro One or Orillia Power.

¹ EB-2016-0276 - Application by Hydro One Inc. and Orillia Power Distribution Corporation for Approval of Share Acquisition and Related Transactions

² EB-2017-0049

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 SEC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred cost of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that SEC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Hydro One and Orillia Power.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the applicants (Hydro One Inc. and Orillia Power Distribution Corporation) shall immediately pay the School Energy Coalition \$14,930.69.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One Inc. and Orillia Power Distribution Corporation shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto February 7, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary