



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2017-0035

COOPERATIVE HYDRO EMBRUN INC.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges
beginning January 1, 2018**

BEFORE: Emad Elsayed
Presiding Member

Rumina Velshi
Member

February 14, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on a cost claim filed with respect to a Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. (Cooperative Hydro Embrun) proceeding.

Cooperative Hydro Embrun filed a cost of service application with the OEB 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 Cooperative Hydro Embrun charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2018.

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

On January 25, 2018, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim, for Cooperative Hydro Embrun to object to the claim and for VECC to respond to any objection raised by Cooperative Hydro Embrun.

The OEB received a cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from Cooperative Hydro Embrun.

Findings

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

The OEB finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Cooperative Hydro Embrun.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$10,785.81.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto February 14, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary