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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2017-0048

HYDRO HAWKESBURY INC.

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

BEFORE: Michael Janigan

Presiding Member

Rumina Velshi

Member

March 23, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to an Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. (Hydro Hawkesbury) proceeding.

Hydro Hawkesbury filed a cost of service application with the OEB on July 12, 2017 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 Hydro Hawkesbury charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2018.

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

On February 22, 2018, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Hydro Hawkesbury to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Hydro Hawkesbury.

The OEB received cost claims from SEC and VECC. No objections were received from Hydro Hawkesbury.

Finding

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by SEC and VECC to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that SEC's and VECC's claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Hydro Hawkesbury.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

• School Energy Coalition \$10,032.14

• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$13,811.12

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

DATED at Toronto March 23, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary