



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2016-0085

INNPOWER CORPORATION

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

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Member

Lynne Anderson
Member

Michael Janigan
Member

June 7, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

InnPower filed an amended cost of service application with the OEB on May 11, 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 InnPower charges for electricity distribution effective July 1, 2017.

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

On March 8, 2018, the OEB issued its Decision and Order. On May 3, 2018, the OEB issued its Final Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for InnPower to object to the claims, and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by InnPower.

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

Findings

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 SEC and VECC 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 InnPower.

The OEB acknowledges that the approved total cost for intervenor participation is high relative to a typical cost of service proceeding for an electricity distributor the size of InnPower. In this case, as the number of updates to the application increased the complexity and length of the proceeding, the OEB finds the cost claims reasonable.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, InnPower Corporation shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - School Energy Coalition \$79,351.99
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$37,958.38
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, InnPower Corporation shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto **June 7, 2018**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary