



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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST

AWARDS

EB-2017-0045

HALTON HILLS HYDRO INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective May 1, 2018

BEFORE: Lynne Anderson
Presiding Member

Allison Duff
Member

June 7, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

Halton Hills Hydro filed applications on September 25, 2017, October 23, 2017 and December 1, 2017. Halton Hills Hydro's applications were for, respectively, rates pursuant to the OEB's Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting (Price Cap IR) framework, the establishment and disposition of a deferral and variance account to account for and remedy an error related to depreciation expense, and recovery of costs incurred as a result of a pay equity settlement agreement (Z-factor). The above noted application made with respect to the OEB's Price Cap IR framework was an incentive rate-setting mechanism application.

The applications were heard together by the OEB in this proceeding. The applications were filed under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) and under the OEB's [Chapter 3 Filing Requirements for Incentive Rate-Setting Applications](#) seeking approval for changes to Halton Hills Hydro's electricity distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2018.

The OEB granted the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility. Cost awards were allowed only in relation to the applicant's proposal to establish and dispose of a depreciation deferral account and the Z-factor application.

On April 26, 2018, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Halton Hills Hydro to object to the claims, and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Halton Hills Hydro.

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

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 Halton Hills Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Halton Hills Hydro Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - School Energy Coalition \$3,976.47
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$4,989.12
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Halton Hills Hydro Inc. 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