



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

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**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST  
AWARDS**

**EB-2017-0084**

**WESTARIO POWER INC.**

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

**BEFORE: Lynne Anderson**  
Presiding Member

**Emad Elsayed**  
Member

**Michael Janigan**  
Member

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**June 15, 2018**

## **INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

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

Westario Power filed a cost of service application with the OEB on November 22, 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 Westario Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2018.

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

On May 17, 2018, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Westario Power to object to the claims, and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Westario Power.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from Westario Power.

### **Findings**

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

The OEB approves the cost claims of SEC and VECC as filed. The claim of Energy Probe requires a reduction of \$961.51 to adjust the HST rate from 13% to 6.5% per the affidavit filed by Energy Probe with its claim. The OEB finds that the claims of SEC and VECC and the adjusted claim of Energy Probe are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Westario Power.

### **THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

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

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| • Energy Probe Research Foundation      | \$15,754.02 |
| • School Energy Coalition               | \$14,112.57 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$16,318.06 |

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Westario Power 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 15, 2018**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary