



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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2017-0071

PUC DISTRIBUTION INC.

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

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Allison Duff
Member

October 23, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

PUC Distribution filed a cost of service application with the OEB on April 2, 2018 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 PUC Distribution charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2018.

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

On September 27, 2018, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for PUC Distribution to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by PUC Distribution.

SEC and VECC each filed cost claims by the October 4, 2018 deadline specified in the Decision and Rate Order. CCC's cost claim was filed on October 9, 2018. CCC's cost claim is accepted by the OEB notwithstanding the late filing. No objections were received from PUC Distribution.

Findings

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

The OEB finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that the claims of CCC, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by PUC Distribution.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

- Consumers Council of Canada \$15,353.88
- School Energy Coalition \$23,716.44
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$16,549.85

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

DATED at Toronto October 23, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary