



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2017-0038

**ERIE THAMES POWERLINES
CORPORATION**

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

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Lynne Anderson
Member

Michael Janigan
Member

November 26, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

ETPL filed a cost of service application with the OEB on September 15, 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 ETPL charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2018.

ETPL's application was considered under the OEB's proportionate review approach. The proportionate review process is intended to allow for a streamlined hearing of applications where it is appropriate.

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 November 1, 2018, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for ETPL to object to the claims, and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by ETPL.

The OEB received cost claims from CCC, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from ETPL.

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 CCC, SEC, and VECC 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 ETPL.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Consumers Council of Canada \$19,345.60
 - School Energy Coalition \$25,357.20
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$19,551.11
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto November 26, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary