



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2018-0143

**INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM
OPERATOR**

**Application for Approval of 2018 Expenditures, Revenue
Requirement and Fees**

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Lynne Anderson
Member

Susan Frank
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 Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) proceeding.

The IESO filed an application with the OEB on April 30, 2018 under subsection 25(1) of the *Electricity Act, 1998*, seeking approval for the IESO's 2018 expenditures, revenue requirement and fees.

The OEB granted the following parties intervenor status and cost award eligibility:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On October 25, 2018, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for the IESO to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by the IESO.

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, BOMA, CME, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, OSEA, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from the IESO.

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 approves the cost claims for all parties except BOMA. BOMA spent more than double the time as other intervenors on settlement conference preparation. The experience of the senior staff used by BOMA should enable more efficient preparation for a settlement conference. BOMA's preparation time will be cut in half, which would

still be higher than any other intervenor. The total cost award for BOMA is therefore \$12,493.28.

The OEB finds that the claims of AMPCO, CME, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, OSEA, SEC and VECC and the adjusted claim of BOMA are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by the IESO.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the Independent Electricity System Operator shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$14,418.80
• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$12,493.28
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$5,935.89
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$10,378.43
• Environmental Defence	\$4,622.56
• Ontario Sustainable Energy Association	\$5,255.63
• School Energy Coalition	\$13,150.94
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$11,319.07

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the Independent Electric System Operator 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