



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2018-0049

LAKEFRONT UTILITIES INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2019

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Member

Michael Janigan
Member

February 06, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

Lakefront Utilities filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 13, 2018 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2019.

The OEB granted the Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On December 20, 2018, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Lakefront Utilities to object to the claims and for and intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Lakefront Utilities.

The OEB received cost claims from and NHH and VECC. No objections were received from Lakefront Utilities.

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 both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that NHH's and VECC's claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Lakefront Utilities.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

- Northumberland Hills Hospital \$1,958.29
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$1,151.13

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

DATED at Toronto February 06, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary