



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2018-0236

**VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC. AND
WHITBY HYDRO ELECTRIC CORPORATION**

**Application for approval to amalgamate and continue operations
as a single electric distribution company**

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Christine Long
Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

February 13, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to a Veridian Connections Inc. (Veridian Connections) and Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation (Whitby Hydro) proceeding.

Veridian Connections and Whitby Hydro filed an application on July 30, 2018 under sections 18, 60, 77(5) and 86(1)(c) and 86(2)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B), for approval to amalgamate and continue operations as a single electricity distribution company.

The OEB granted the School Energy Coalition (SEC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On December 20, 2018, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for SEC to file its cost claim, for Veridian Connections and Whitby Hydro to object to the claim, and for SEC to respond to any objections raised by Veridian Connections and Whitby Hydro.

The OEB received a cost claim from SEC in accordance with the Decision and Order. No objection was received from Veridian Connections and Whitby Hydro on SEC's claim.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed SEC's cost claim to ensure that it is compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and finds that SEC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that SEC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Veridian Connections and Whitby Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Veridian Connections Inc. and Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation shall immediately pay the School Energy Coalition \$9,247.92.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Veridian Connections Inc. and Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto February 13, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary