

# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**EB-2018-0021**

**BURLINGTON HYDRO INC.**

**Application for rates and other charges beginning May 1, 2019**

**BEFORE: Allison Duff**  
Presiding Member

**Michael Janigan**  
Member

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**May 17, 2019**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

Burlington Hydro filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the OEB on September 24, 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 May 1, 2019.

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

On March 28, 2019, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim, for Burlington Hydro to object to the claims and for VECC to respond to any objections raised by Burlington Hydro.

The OEB received a cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from Burlington Hydro.

## Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claim filed to ensure that it is compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that the claim of VECC is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Burlington Hydro.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Burlington Hydro Inc. shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$9,518.31.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Burlington Hydro Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto May 17, 2019

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary