

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2018-0130

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for 2019 Electricity Transmission Revenue Requirement

BEFORE: Emad Elsayed
Presiding Member

Lynne Anderson
Member

Michael Janigan
Member

July 2, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to a Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) proceeding EB-2018-0130.

Hydro One filed an application with the OEB on October 26, 2018 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act)¹, and under the OEB's *Filing Requirements for Electricity Transmission Applications*. Hydro One is seeking approval for changes to its electricity transmission revenue requirement to be effective January 1, 2019.

The OEB granted Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin), Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Environmental Defence Canada Inc., Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), London Property Management Association (LPMA), School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On April 25, 2019, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Hydro One to object to the claims, and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Hydro One.

The OEB received cost claims from Anwaatin, AMPCO, BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, LPMA, SEC and VECC. Environmental Defence Canada Inc. did not file a cost claim. No objections were received from Hydro One.

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 as filed for all cost eligible intervenors, except for BOMA. The OEB finds that the hours claimed by BOMA for argument preparation are excessive given the nature of the proceeding. The OEB will reduce BOMA's claim by six hours (6 hours at \$330 per hour and HST = \$2,237.40). The OEB notes that this reduction also brings BOMA's hours more in line with other intervenors. The total amount awarded to BOMA is \$8,079.25.

The claim of VECC requires a minor reduction due to rounding of taxes calculated at 3.94% for hours charged.

¹ S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B)

The OEB finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that the claims of Anwaatin, AMPCO, CCC, Energy Probe, LPMA and SEC and the adjusted claims of BOMA and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Hydro One.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

• Anwaatin Inc.	\$5,802.48
• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$4,661.25
• Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto	\$8,079.25
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$8,390.25
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$7,210.05
• London Property Management Association	\$3,990.03
• School Energy Coalition	\$4,283.83
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$8,352.04

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

DATED at Toronto July 2, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary