

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2018-0087

CHAPLEAU PUBLIC UTILITIES CORPORATION

Application for electricity distribution rates beginning May 1, 2019

BEFORE: Emad Elsayed
Presiding Member

Robert Dodds
Vice Chair and Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

July 12, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on a cost claim filed with respect to a Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation (Chapleau Public Utilities) proceeding.

Chapleau Public Utilities filed a cost of service application with the OEB on August 31, 2018 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Chapleau Public Utilities charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2019. The application was updated on November 26, 2018.

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

On June 6, 2019, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim, for Chapleau Public Utilities to object to the claim and for VECC to respond to any objections raised by Chapleau Public Utilities.

The OEB received a cost claim from VECC. On June 17, 2019, Chapleau Public Utilities filed a letter stating that it had no objection to the cost claim submitted by VECC.

Findings

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

The cost award for VECC is approved.

The OEB finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Chapleau Public Utilities.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation shall immediately pay to the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$18,007.61.

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

DATED at Toronto July 12, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary