

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2017-0049

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

**Application for electricity distribution rates beginning January 1,
2018 until December 31, 2022**

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Emad Elsayed
Member

Lynne Anderson
Member

July 22, 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.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed a 5 year Custom Incentive Regulation application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 31, 2017 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to its distribution rates, to be effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022.

The OEB granted the following parties intervenor status and cost award eligibility:

- Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin)
- Arbourbrook Estates Homeowners Group (Arbourbrook)
- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Balsam Lake Coalition (Balsam Lake)
- Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Doyle Salewski Inc. (Doyle Salewski)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Energy Storage Canada (ESC)
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (Quinte)
- Rice Lake Tourist Association (Rice Lake)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Sunset Bay Road Cottagers, as represented by Eva Haralabidis (Sunset Bay)
- Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario (SIA)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On June 6, 2019 (revised on June 11, 2019), the OEB issued its Interim Rate 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.

Anwaatin, Arbourbrook, Balsam Lake, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, ESC, Quinte, SEC and VECC filed cost claims by the deadline specified in the Decision. AMPCO's cost claim was filed on June 17, 2019 and is accepted by the OEB notwithstanding the late filing. Doyle Salewski, Rice Lake, Sunset Bay and SIA 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 claim of BOMA requires a minor reduction due to rounding of disbursements claimed. The claim of CME requires a reduction of \$30.10 due to internal scanning/photocopying (\$28.50) and taxi tip reduction (\$1.60). The claim of VECC also requires a reduction of \$7.69 due to gratuities in excess of the allowed limit on taxi charges.

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, Arbourbrook, AMPCO, Balsam Lake, CCC, Energy Probe, ESC, Quinte and SEC and the adjusted claims of BOMA, CME 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:

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| • Anwaatin Inc. | \$96,017.18 |
| • Arbourbrook Estates Homeowners Group | \$1,376.34 |
| • Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario | \$126,410.28 |
| • Balsam Lake Coalition | \$27,920.04 |
| • Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto | \$168,141.91 |
| • Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters | \$147,297.19 |
| • Consumers Council of Canada | \$102,733.95 |
| • Energy Probe Research Foundation | \$90,871.13 |
| • Energy Storage Canada | \$15,030.76 |
| • Quinte Manufacturers Association | \$23,568.98 |
| • School Energy Coalition | \$227,285.30 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$126,584.73 |

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 22, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary