

SUPPLEMENTAL 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

August 12, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed a five-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.

On July 22, 2019, the OEB issued its Decision and Order on Cost Awards for this proceeding.

On July 23, 2019, the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA), an intervenor in this proceeding eligible for an award of costs, filed a late cost claim with the OEB.

OSEA explained that while it had prepared a cost claim for filing in late May 2019, it did not file it at that time as there was not yet a procedural order issued requiring intervenors to file their cost claims. OSEA also noted that of its two lawyers on record for this proceeding, one was on leave and the other had left the firm. As such, the lawyers who took over the management of the file were not on the distribution list for this proceeding and did not receive the interim rate order issued on June 11, 2019 inviting intervenors to file cost claims.

Findings

The OEB accepts OSEA's cost claim in spite of its late filing.

The OEB finds that OSEA's claim is reasonable and 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 Ontario Sustainable Energy Association \$36,128.93.
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 August 12, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary