

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2019-0015

NORTH BAY (ESPANOLA) ACQUISITION INC.

Application for approval for North Bay (Espanola) Acquisition Inc. to purchase Espanola Regional Hydro Holdings Corporation and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation, and amalgamate with them

BEFORE: Lynne Anderson
Presiding Member

Michael Janigan
Member

September 19, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to a North Bay (Espanola) Acquisition Inc. proceeding.

North Bay (Espanola) Acquisition Inc. filed an application on January 16, 2019 under Sections 86(2)(b), 86(1)(c) and 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B) (Act), for approval to purchase Espanola Regional Hydro Holdings Corporation and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation, amalgamate them, and operate the amalgamated company under the name of Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation.

The OEB granted Mr. Donald Rennick and the School Energy Coalition (SEC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On August 22, 2019, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for North Bay (Espanola) Acquisition Inc. to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by North Bay (Espanola) Acquisition Inc.

The OEB received a cost claim from SEC. By e-mail, Mr. Rennick stated that he will not file a cost claim. No objection was received from North Bay (Espanola) Acquisition Inc.

Findings

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

The OEB finds that SEC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that SEC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by North Bay (Espanola) Acquisition Inc.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, North Bay (Espanola) Acquisition Inc. shall immediately pay School Energy Coalition \$8,427.54.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, North Bay (Espanola) Acquisition Inc shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto September 19, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary