



Ontario
Energy
Board | Commission
de l'énergie
de l'Ontario

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2019-0049

KITCHENER-WILMOT HYDRO INC.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges
beginning January 1, 2020**

BEFORE: Michael Janigan
Presiding Member

Lynne Anderson
Member

December 4, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to a Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. (Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro) proceeding.

Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro filed a cost of service application with the OEB on April 30, 2019 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 Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2020.

The OEB granted Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), the School Energy Coalition (SEC), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On October 17, 2019, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims by the due date from SEC and VECC. The OEB accepts Energy Probe's cost claim filed on November 26, 2019, notwithstanding the late filing. No objections were received from Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro.

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 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 Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$13,711.88
 - School Energy Coalition \$23,007.93
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$17,064.35

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

DATED at Toronto December 4, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Originally signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary