

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2018-0316

Independent Electricity System Operator (in its capacity as the smart metering entity)

**Application for approval to provide access to certain non-personal
data to third parties at market prices**

BEFORE: Michael Janigan
Presiding Member

Lynne Anderson
Member

December 10, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to an Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) proceeding.

The IESO, in its capacity as the Smart Metering Entity, filed an application with the OEB on December 4, 2018 under sections 74 and 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval to amend its licence to enable it to provide access to certain non-personal data about electricity usage to third parties at market prices.

The OEB granted Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On October 24, 2019, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for the IESO to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by the IESO.

The OEB received cost claims from BOMA, CCC and VECC. No objections were received from the IESO.

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 reduction of \$92.66 to comply with the OEB's guidance on the Practice Direction on Cost Awards¹ issued on August 25, 2017. The disallowance is due to the hotel claim exceeding the maximum allowed (\$200 per night). The OEB finds that the claims of CCC and VECC, and the adjusted claim of BOMA, are reasonable and that each of these claims shall be reimbursed by the IESO.

¹ OEB's letter dated August 25, 2017

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the Independent Electricity System Operator shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

- Building Owners and Managers Association \$12,368.92
- Consumers Council of Canada \$10,441.20
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$13,462.83

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the Independent Electricity System Operator shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto December 10, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary