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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2019-0023

BURLINGTON HYDRO INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective May 1, 2020

BEFORE: Lynne Anderson
Presiding Member

Michael Janigan
Member

May 25, 2020

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

Burlington Hydro filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the OEB on October 10, 2019 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective May 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 in relation to Burlington Hydro's request for incremental funding through the Incremental Capital Module and its request to discontinue its "Incremental Capital Project 1 (2019)" rate riders.

On April 16, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Burlington Hydro to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Burlington Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received from Burlington Hydro.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that all claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Burlington Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Burlington Hydro Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$3,605.03
• School Energy Coalition	\$4,080.43
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$4,544.78

DATED at Toronto May 25, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary