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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**EB-2019-0059**

## **OAKVILLE HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC.**

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

**BEFORE: Lynne Anderson**  
Presiding Member

**Michael Janigan**  
Member

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**May 28, 2020**

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## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

Oakville Hydro filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the OEB on August 12, 2019 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2020.

The OEB granted the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), 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 Oakville Hydro's request for incremental capital funding.

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

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

## Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. In light of the Covid-19 emergency, the OEB accepts the confirmation by SEC of the nature of its cost award claim.

The OEB finds that AMPCO, CCC, 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 Oakville Hydro.

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

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

• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$8,763.15
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$7,644.45
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$3,780.75
• School Energy Coalition	\$11,373.45
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$11,936.47

**DATED** at Toronto May 28, 2020

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar and Board Secretary