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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2019-0055

NEWMARKET-TAY POWER DISTRIBUTION LTD.

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

BEFORE: Lynne Anderson
Presiding Member

Michael Janigan
Member

May 29, 2020

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to a Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd. (Newmarket-Tay Power) proceeding.

Newmarket-Tay Power filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the OEB on November 11, 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 May 1, 2020.

The OEB granted the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility in relation to the review of Newmarket-Tay Power's cost allocation proposal.

On April 23, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Newmarket-Tay Power to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Newmarket-Tay Power.

The OEB received cost claims from SEC and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received from Newmarket-Tay Power.

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 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 Newmarket-Tay Power.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

- School Energy Coalition \$11,261.58
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$7,117.29

DATED at Toronto May 29, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary