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## **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**EB-2018-0270**

### **HYDRO ONE INC., HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. AND ORILLIA POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION**

**Application for approval to purchase all issued and outstanding shares of  
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation**

**BEFORE: Cathy Spoel**  
Presiding Member

**Lynne Anderson**  
Member

**Michael Janigan**  
Member

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**June 29, 2020**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) and Orillia Power Distribution Corporation (OPDC) filed an application (Application) requesting OEB approval pursuant to section 86 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for Hydro One Inc. (HOI), the parent company of Hydro One, to purchase all of the shares of OPDC and for HOI to then transfer the assets and liabilities of the electricity distribution business from OPDC to Hydro One. The Application also requested various related approvals under several different sections of the OEB Act.

The OEB approved the Application, subject to a number of conditions, in its Decision and Order dated April 30, 2020 (Decision). The Decision also set out the process for eligible intervenors to file their cost claims, for OPDC and Hydro One to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by OPDC and Hydro One.

Through Procedural Order No. 1, the OEB granted the Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Mr. Frank Kehoe, Ms. Dael Morris, Mr. Maurice McMillan, the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility. The Power Worker's Union was granted intervenor status, however, it did not request eligibility for a cost award.

CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC filed cost claims by the deadline specified in the Decision and Order. By email, Ms. Morris stated that she will not file a cost claim. Mr. Kehoe's cost claim was filed on June 16, 2020 and Mr. McMillan's cost claim was filed on June 18, 2020 and are accepted by the OEB notwithstanding the late filing. No objections to these cost claims were received from Orillia Power and Hydro One.

## 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 is reducing the cost claim of Mr. Kehoe by \$140.50 (\$71.50 for meals at the October 3 & 4, 2019 Technical Conference and \$69.00 for meals at the December 2 & 3, 2019 Oral Hearing) in accordance with the Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Practice Direction) issued on August 25, 2017 and effective October 1, 2017. The Practice Direction states that the cost of meals are not eligible for recovery under section 7.01. The OEB finds that the claims of CCC, Energy Probe, Mr. McMillan, SEC

and VECC and the adjusted claim of Mr. Kehoe are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by OPDC and Hydro One.

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Orillia Power Distribution Corporation and Hydro One Networks Inc. shall immediately pay, as they may agree between them, the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

• Consumers Council of Canada	\$21,814.65
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$8,088.68
• Mr. Frank Kehoe	\$474.00
• Mr. Maurice McMillan	\$259.44
• School Energy Coalition	\$74,755.04
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$17,750.35

**DATED** at Toronto June 29, 2020

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar and Board Secretary