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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2018-0242

**PETERBOROUGH DISTRIBUTION INC.,
PETERBOROUGH UTILITIES SERVICES
INC., HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC., AND
1937680 ONTARIO INC.**

Application for approval to amalgamate Peterborough Distribution Inc. and Peterborough Utilities Services Inc. and to transfer the electricity distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc.

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Lynne Anderson
Member

Michael Janigan
Member

June 29, 2020

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Peterborough Distribution Inc. (PDI), Peterborough Utilities Services Inc. (PUSI), Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One), and 1937680 Ontario Inc. filed an application (Application) requesting OEB approval pursuant to section 86 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) to amalgamate PDI and PUSI, sell the amalgamated corporation to 1937680 Ontario Inc., and then allow 1937680 Ontario Inc. to dispose of its distribution system and transfer its rate orders 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 PDI and Hydro One to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by PDI and Hydro One.

Through Procedural Order No. 1, the OEB granted the 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. The Power Worker's Union, Alison Davidson, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 636 were also granted intervenor status, however, were not granted eligibility for cost award.

The OEB received cost claims from CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No objections to these cost claims were received from PDI or 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 finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that the claims of CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by PDI and Hydro One.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

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| • Consumers Council of Canada | \$27,408.15 |
| • Energy Probe Research Foundation | \$10,197.38 |
| • School Energy Coalition | \$48,551.58 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$19,019.46 |

DATED at Toronto June 29, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary