

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2019-0041

HYDRO 2000 INC.

Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges beginning May 1, 2020

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel

Presiding Commissioner

Robert DoddsCommissioner

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to a Hydro 2000 Inc. (Hydro 2000) proceeding.

Hydro 2000 filed a cost of service application with the OEB on February 25, 2020 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro 2000 charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2020.

The OEB granted the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On September 24, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Hydro 2000 to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Hydro 2000.

The OEB received a cost claim from VECC. No objection to the cost claim was received from Hydro 2000.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claim filed to ensure that it is compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Hydro 2000.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro 2000 Inc. shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$15,606.59.

DATED at Toronto November 17, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long Registrar