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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2020-0008

CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2021

BEFORE: Michael Janigan
Presiding Commissioner

Pankaj Sardana
Commissioner

January 8, 2021

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

Canadian Niagara Power filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the OEB on August 7, 2020, 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, 2021.

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

On December 10, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order, subsequently corrected on December 17, 2020, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Canadian Niagara Power to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Canadian Niagara Power.

The OEB received cost claims from SEC and VECC. On December 22, 2020, Canadian Niagara Power filed a letter stating that it had no objections to the cost claims received from SEC and VECC.

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 SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Canadian Niagara Power.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Canadian Niagara Power Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

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| • School Energy Coalition | \$2,027.22 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$2,401.01 |

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Canadian Niagara Power Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto January 8, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar