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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2020-0059

WATERLOO NORTH HYDRO INC.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges
beginning January 1, 2021**

BEFORE: Emad Elsayed
Presiding Commissioner

Cathy Spoel
Commissioner

Michael Janigan
Commissioner

January 20, 2021

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

Waterloo North Hydro filed a cost of service application with the OEB on June 30, 2020 (updated on July 14, 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 Waterloo North charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2021.

The OEB granted Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Environmental Defence (ED), School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On December 10, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Waterloo North Hydro to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Waterloo North Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims by the due date from Energy Probe, ED, SEC and VECC. CCC filed its cost claim on January 11, 2021. The OEB accepts CCC's cost claim notwithstanding the late filing. No objections to the cost claims were received from Waterloo North Hydro.

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, ED, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Waterloo North Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

• Consumers Council of Canada	\$23,865.60
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$11,427.45
• Environmental Defence	\$8,785.75
• School Energy Coalition	\$37,796.24
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$24,010.14

DATED at Toronto January 20, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar