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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**EB-2020-0002**

## **ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION**

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

**BEFORE: Michael Janigan**  
Presiding Commissioner

**Allison Duff**  
Commissioner

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**January 29, 2021**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to an Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra Utilities) proceeding.

Alectra Utilities filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the OEB on August 17, 2020, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates, to be effective January 1, 2021.

The OEB granted the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On December 17, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Alectra Utilities to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Alectra Utilities.

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received from Alectra Utilities.

## 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 approves all cost claims in full with the exception of BOMA. The OEB is reducing BOMA's claimed hours for "Argument Preparation" from 4.7 hours to 1.5 hours. While the OEB encourages intervening parties to curtail submissions where warranted, given that BOMA made no substantive submissions, 1.5 hours should have been sufficient to enable a review of the record and to communicate that decision.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Alectra Utilities Corporation shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario \$6,712.20

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• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$2,130.05
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$5,779.95
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$4,047.00
• School Energy Coalition	\$11,746.35
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$6,002.54

**DATED** at Toronto January 29, 2021

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar