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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2020-0040

NIAGARA PENINSULA ENERGY INC.

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

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Commissioner

Pankaj Sardana
Commissioner

March 1, 2021

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

Niagara Peninsula Energy filed a cost of service application with the OEB on August 12, 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 Niagara Peninsula Energy charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2021.

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

On February 4, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Niagara Peninsula Energy to raise any objections to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Niagara Peninsula Energy.

The OEB received cost claims from DRC, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from Niagara Peninsula Energy.

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 DRC, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Niagara Peninsula Energy.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

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| • Distributed Resource Coalition | \$8,784.62 |
| • School Energy Coalition | \$21,299.37 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$23,495.64 |

DATED at Toronto March 1, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar