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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**EB-2020-0042**

**NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HYDRO INC.**

**Application for rates and other charges beginning May 1, 2021**

**BEFORE: Michael Janigan**  
Presiding Commissioner

**Pankaj Sardana**  
Commissioner

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**April 21, 2021**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on a cost claim filed with respect to a Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. proceeding.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro filed an incentive regulation mechanism application with the OEB on October 8, 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-on-the-Lake Hydro charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2021.

The OEB granted the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility in relation to Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's proposed rate change in the context of its 2019 earnings.

On March 25, 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-on-the-Lake Hydro to raise any objections to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro.

The OEB received a cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro.

## 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 its reasonably incurred cost of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$1,886.51.

**DATED** at Toronto April 21, 2021

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar