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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2020-0007

BURLINGTON HYDRO INC.

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

BEFORE: Emad Elsayed
Presiding Commissioner

Michael Janigan
Commissioner

May 12, 2021

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

Burlington Hydro filed a cost of service application with the OEB on October 30, 2020, under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Burlington Hydro charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2021.

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

On April 15, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Burlington Hydro to raise any objections to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Burlington Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims from CCC, DRC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, SEC and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received from Burlington 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, DRC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Burlington Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

• Consumers Council of Canada	\$22,001.10
• Distributed Resource Coalition	\$8,455.79
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$11,959.95
• Environmental Defence	\$7,463.09

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| • School Energy Coalition | \$18,530.87 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$22,295.13 |

DATED at Toronto May 12, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar