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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

## **EB-2020-0265**

### **HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.**

**Application for leave to reconductor existing transmission circuits  
between Hawthorne transmission station and Merivale  
transmission station**

**BEFORE:**    **Emad Elsayed**  
                 Presiding Commissioner

**Anthony Zlahtic**  
                 Commissioner

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**May 17, 2021**

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## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board on a cost claim filed with respect to a Hydro One Networks Inc. proceeding.

Hydro One Networks applied to the OEB on December 2, 2020, for leave to reconductor existing transmission circuits M30A and M31A between Hawthorne transmission station and Merivale transmission station, and perform related transmission station enabling work. Hydro One Networks also requested approval for the form of land use agreements it offers to landowners for the routing and construction of the proposed work.

The OEB granted the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), Environmental Defence, Nav Canada, and the Ottawa International Airport Authority (OIAA) intervenor status; Environmental Defence and the OIAA were granted cost award eligibility.

On April 22, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision and Order that set out the process for eligible intervenors to file their cost claims, for Hydro One Networks to raise any objections to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Hydro One Networks.

The OEB received a cost claim from Environmental Defence. By email, the OIAA stated that it will not file a cost claim. No objection to Environmental Defence's cost claim was received from Hydro One Networks.

## Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claim filed by Environmental Defence to ensure that it is compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that Environmental Defence is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that Environmental Defence's cost claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Hydro One.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One Networks Inc. shall immediately pay Environmental Defence \$32,477.90.

**DATED** at Toronto May 17, 2021

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar