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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2020-0027

HEARST POWER DISTRIBUTION CO. LTD.

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

BEFORE: **Pankaj Sardana**
Presiding Commissioner

Allison Duff
Commissioner

June 22, 2021

OVERVIEW

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board on a cost claim filed with respect to a Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd. proceeding.

Hearst Power filed a cost of service application with the OEB on December 11, 2020 seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hearst Power charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2021.

The OEB granted the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On May 27, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim, for Hearst Power to raise any objection to the claim and for VECC to respond to any objection raised by Hearst Power.

The OEB received a cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from Hearst Power.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed VECC's claim 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 costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Hearst Power.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd. shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$15,177.84.

DATED at Toronto June 22, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long
Registrar