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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2020-0020

ESPANOLA REGIONAL HYDRO DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION

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

BEFORE: Robert Dodds
Presiding Commissioner

Lynne Anderson
Chief Commissioner

July 19, 2021

OVERVIEW

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board on cost claims filed with respect to an Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation proceeding.

Espanola Regional Hydro filed a cost of service application with the OEB on December 31, 2021 seeking approval for changes to the rates that Espanola Regional Hydro charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2021.

The OEB granted the Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On June 10, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Espanola Regional Hydro to raise any objections to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Espanola Regional Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims from CCC, SEC and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received from Espanola Regional 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, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Espanola Regional Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

• Consumers Council of Canada	\$13,424.40
• School Energy Coalition	\$13,275.24
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$13,462.83

DATED at Toronto July 19, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long
Registrar