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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2020-0150

UPPER CANADA TRANSMISSION INC.

Application for approval of electricity transmission revenue requirements

BEFORE: **Emad Elsayed**
 Presiding Commissioner

Allison Duff
 Commissioner

Pankaj Sardana
 Commissioner

September 20, 2021

OVERVIEW

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc., operating as NextBridge Infrastructure LP (NextBridge) filed a custom incentive rate-setting application with the Ontario Energy Board on November 4, 2020, seeking approval for changes to the rates that NextBridge charges for electricity transmission, beginning April 1, 2022 and for each following year through to December 31, 2031.

The OEB granted the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Michipicoten First Nation (MFN), School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On June 17, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision and Order and on August 19, 2021, the OEB issued its Revenue Requirement Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for NextBridge to raise any objections to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by NextBridge.

The OEB received cost claims by the due date from BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, MFN, SEC and VECC. AMPCO filed its cost claim on September 1, 2021. The OEB accepts AMPCO's cost claim notwithstanding the late filing. No objections to the cost claims were received from NextBridge.

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 AMPCO, BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, MFN, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by NextBridge.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

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| • Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario | \$30,204.90 |
| • Building Owners and Managers Association | \$20,910.54 |
| • Consumers Council of Canada | \$36,544.20 |

• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$29,532.45
• Michipicoten First Nation	\$18,051.00
• School Energy Coalition	\$39,371.46
• Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition	\$28,297.67

DATED at Toronto September 20, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long
Registrar