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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0039

LAKEFRONT UTILITIES INC.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges
beginning January 1, 2022**

BEFORE: Pankaj Sardana
Presiding Commissioner

Allison Duff
Commissioner

David Sword
Commissioner

December 9, 2021

OVERVIEW

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

Lakefront Utilities filed a cost of service application with the OEB on April 30, 2021, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Lakefront Utilities charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2022.

The OEB granted the Cobourg Taxpayers Association (CTA), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH), School Energy Coalition (SEC), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On October 28, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Lakefront Utilities to raise any objections to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Lakefront Utilities.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe, NHH, SEC and VECC. CTA stated that it would not file a cost claim. No objections were received from Lakefront Utilities.

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 Energy Probe, NHH, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Lakefront Utilities.

The OEB notes the range in cost claims filed by intervenors. The individual, detailed cost claims indicate that both SEC and VECC billed more hours to prepare for the settlement conference and subsequent settlement proposal, relative to Energy Probe and NHH. The OEB finds these additional billed hours are commensurate with the settlement proposal filed, in which SEC and VECC took positions on all issues, whereas Energy Probe and NHH took no position on any issue other than 3.4 related to proposed standby charges.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$2,108.70
• Northumberland Hills Hospital	\$5,451.00
• School Energy Coalition	\$19,619.06
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$23,495.64

DATED at Toronto December 9, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar