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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2020-0246

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Implementing the Elimination of the Seasonal Rate Class

BEFORE: **Emad Elsayed**
 Presiding Commissioner

December 9, 2021

OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) determined in its Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) 2015-2017 distribution rates Decision¹ (March 2015 Decision), that Hydro One's seasonal rates class should be eliminated and existing seasonal class customers should be moved to one of three Hydro One residential rate classes according to their density. This was based on OEB's finding that the distribution rates currently charged to seasonal customers do not appropriately reflect the cost to serve them.

On October 15, 2020, Hydro One filed an updated Report on the Elimination of the Seasonal Class, that reflected its proposed implementation of the elimination of the seasonal rates class.

The current proceeding was established and a Notice of Hearing was issued on January 22, 2021.

The OEB granted the Balsam Lake Association (BLA), the Balsam Lake Coalition (BLC), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), Kamanisheg Area Property Owners Association (KAPOA), Sunset Shores Peninsula Association (SSPA), Tasso, Toad, Camp and Blue Lake Association (TTCBLA) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

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

The OEB received cost claims from BLC, CCC and VECC. By email, BLA, FOCA, KAPOA, SSPA and TTCBLA indicated that they would not file a cost claim. No objections to the cost claims were received from Hydro One.

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 BLC, CCC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Hydro One.

¹ EB-2013-0416/EB-2014-0247, Decision, March 12, 2015

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 the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

- Balsam Lake Coalition \$2,195.59
- Consumers Council of Canada \$4,288.35
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$11,782.12

DATED at Toronto December 9, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar