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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0136

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

**Application for leave to reconductor electricity transmission lines
in the cities of Toronto and Mississauga**

BEFORE: **Michael Janigan**
Presiding Commissioner

Robert Dodds
Commissioner

David Sword
Commissioner

December 21, 2021

OVERVIEW

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

Hydro One applied to the OEB on July 16, 2021, granting leave to reconductor four electricity transmission circuits between the Richview Transformer Station and the Trafalgar Transformer Station in the cities of Toronto and Mississauga and to perform related enabling work. Hydro One also applied to the OEB for approval of the form of land-use agreements it offers to landowners for the routing and construction of the project.

The OEB granted the Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO) and Environmental Defence intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On December 2, 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 APPrO and Environmental Defence. 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 APPrO and Environmental Defence are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Hydro One. While the time spent by the intervenor claimants differs, the OEB finds that APPrO's intervention, that dealt extensively with the issue of future power demand and supply, was responsible and of assistance to the OEB in determining the approval of facility expansion.

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:
 - Association of Power Producers of Ontario \$10,199.95
 - Environmental Defence \$2,870.20

DATED at Toronto December 21, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar