

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS EB-2021-0042

MILTON HYDRO DISTRIBUTION INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2022

BEFORE: Pankaj Sardana

Presiding Commissioner

Anthony Zlahtic Commissioner

January 7, 2022

OVERVIEW

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on a cost claim filed with respect to a Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. (Milton Hydro) proceeding.

Milton Hydro filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the OEB on August 12, 2021, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2022.

The OEB granted the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility in relation to Milton Hydro's request to update the Low Voltage Service Rate.

On December 9, 2021, subsequently corrected on December 16, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim, for Milton Hydro to raise any objection to the claim and for VECC to respond to any objection raised by Milton Hydro.

The OEB received a cost claim from VECC. No objection to the cost claim was received from Milton Hydro.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claim filed to ensure that it is compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred cost of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Milton Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. shall immediately pay VECC \$3,172.77.

DATED at Toronto January 7, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Nancy Marconi Acting Registrar