

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS EB-2021-0038

KITCHENER-WILMOT HYDRO INC.

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

BEFORE: Pankaj Sardana

Presiding Commissioner

Anthony Zlahtic Commissioner

January 24, 2022

OVERVIEW

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

Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the OEB on August 18, 2021, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2022.

The OEB granted the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility in relation to Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro's request to retroactively adjust and disposition of the balances in account 1584 Retail Settlement Variance Account – Network Services.

On December 16, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claim, for Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro to raise any objections to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims from SEC and VECC. No objection to the cost claims was received from Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro.

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 SEC and VECC are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred cost of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that both claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - School Energy Coalition

\$3,524.47

• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

\$3,172.77

DATED at Toronto January 24, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi Acting Registrar