

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS EB-2021-0019

ENWIN UTILITIES LTD.

Application for Rates and Other Charges to be effective January 1, 2022

BEFORE: Allison Duff

Presiding Commissioner

Emad ElsayedCommissioner

March 16, 2022

OVERVIEW

ENWIN Utilities Ltd. (ENWIN Utilities) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 18, 2021, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 2022. By Delegated Authority under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the OEB issued a Decision and Order on December 9, 2021 that approved the utility's electricity rates for 2022 on a final basis (Phase 1).

As part of its IRM application, ENWIN Utilities also included a request for approval to amend the description of its Large Use – 3TS Service rate classification. On this aspect of the application, the OEB found that consideration of the matter required further process and would proceed to a second phase of the proceeding, before a panel of Commissioners.

On December 17, 2021, the OEB issued a combined Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1 in which the OEB approved intervenors from ENWIN Utilities' 2020 cost of service proceeding (EB-2019-0032) as intervenors in Phase 2 of this proceeding and that each is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>. These parties are:

- Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario (AMPCO)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On February 3, 2022, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, SEC and VECC. CCC stated that they are not filing a cost claim. The OEB did not receive an objection from ENWIN Utilities.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that the cost claims of AMPCO, SEC and VECC are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by ENWIN Utilities.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

•	Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario	\$4,101.90
•	School Energy Coalition	\$1,611.38
•	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$2,486.76

DATED at Toronto March 16, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi Registrar