

# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0312

# NORTH BAY HYDRO DISTRIBUTION LIMITED AND ESPANOLA REGIONAL HYDRO DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION

Application for approval to amalgamate and continue operations as a single electricity distribution company

**BEFORE:** Robert Dodds

**Presiding Commissioner** 

Michael Janigan Commissioner

**April 21, 2022** 

#### **OVERVIEW**

North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited (North Bay Hydro) and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation (Espanola Hydro) (collectively, the Applicants), applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 24, 2021, for approval to amalgamate and continue operations as a new single new local electricity distribution company called New North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited (New NBH).

The OEB granted Mr. Donald D. Rennick and School Energy Coalition (SEC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On March 17, 2022, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received a cost claim from SEC. Mr. Rennick did not file a cost claim. No objection to the cost claim was received from the Applicants.

# **Findings**

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

The OEB finds that SEC's cost claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by the Applicants.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation shall immediately pay School Energy Coalition \$5,049.97.

**DATED** at Toronto April 21, 2022

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Nancy Marconi Registrar