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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0292

THE INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM OPERATOR, IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE SMART METERING ENTITY

**Application to provide access to de-identified electricity
consumption data to third parties that are Canadian Governmental
Entities**

BEFORE: Michael Janigan
Presiding Commissioner

Allison Duff
Commissioner

April 27, 2022

OVERVIEW

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), in its capacity as the Smart Metering Entity (SME), filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 29, 2021. The application requested OEB approval to:

- Expand third party access to de-identified smart meter data beyond the IESO and OEB to Canadian Governmental Entities
- Provide access to de-identified smart meter data under a no-fee model for standard requests, with costs covered by the Smart Metering Charge
- Provide access to de-identified smart meter data under a cost recovery model for complex requests
- Use basic terms of the Data Use Agreement and the provision to tailor the Data Use Agreement to suit specific circumstances

The OEB granted Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On March 24, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, OSEA and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received from the IESO.

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 all the cost claims of are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by the IESO.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the Independent Electricity System Operator shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$11,159.20
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$8,763.15
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$9,313.43
• Ontario Sustainable Energy Association	\$6,174.32
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$12,348.07

DATED at Toronto April 27, 2022

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Nancy Marconi
Registrar