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DECISION AND ORDER ON INTERIM COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0110

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for electricity transmission and distribution rates and other charges for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027

BEFORE: Emad Elsayed
Presiding Commissioner

Patrick Moran
Commissioner

Pankaj Sardana
Commissioner

July 11, 2022

OVERVIEW

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed an application dated August 5, 2021, with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), seeking approval for changes to the rates that it charges for electricity transmission and distribution, beginning January 1, 2023 and for each following year through to December 31, 2027.

The OEB granted the following parties intervenor status and cost award eligibility:

- Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin)
- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumer Council of Canada (CCC)
- Distributed Resource Coalition (DRC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Michipicoten First Nation (MFN)
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
- Pollution Probe
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On June 2, 2022, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 6 (PO#6) in which it set out the process for interim cost claims. In PO#6, the OEB permitted intervenors to file claims for costs incurred to the end of the Technical Conference on Hydro One's March 31, 2022 and April 8, 2022 evidentiary updates, which concluded on June 1, 2022.

The OEB received interim cost claims from Anwaatin, AMPCO, CME, CCC, DRC, Energy Probe, LPMA, OSEA, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC. Environmental Defence, MFN, OFA and QMA did not file cost claims, but as the OEB confirmed in its letter of June 13, 2022, were not required to file interim cost claims, and they are welcome to wait until the end of the proceeding and file their complete cost claims at that time.

Findings

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

The OEB finds that the interim cost claims of Anwaatin, AMPCO, CME, CCC, DRC, Energy Probe, LPMA, OSEA, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC are calculated accurately and shall be reimbursed by Hydro One. As noted in PO#6, the OEB will conduct a complete review of cost claims for the entire proceeding at its conclusion, and this will include opportunities for Hydro One to object to cost claims and for intervenors whose claims were the subject of objections to reply. Interim awards of costs may be subject to adjustment at that time.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One Networks Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

• Anwaatin Inc.	\$26,427.31
• Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario	\$103,200.08
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$20,144.51
• Consumer Council of Canada	\$49,968.60
• Distributed Resource Coalition	\$22,031.61
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$63,436.72
• London Property Management Association	\$54,965.46
• Ontario Sustainable Energy Association	\$19,258.04
• Pollution Probe	\$62,740.43
• School Energy Coalition	\$124,558.77
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$91,152.76

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One Networks Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto July 11, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar