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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2022-0137

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

**Application for Approval of a Smart Meter Charge for the years
2023 to 2027 and related matters**

BEFORE: **Pankaj Sardana**
Presiding Commissioner

Allison Duff
Commissioner

Michael Janigan
Commissioner

October 14, 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) requesting approval of its Smart Metering Charge (SMC) for the years 2023 to 2027 and related matters.

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

- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence Canada Inc. (Environmental Defence)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On September 8, 2022, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from CCC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received.

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 CCC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence and VECC 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 IESO shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

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| • Consumers Council of Canada | \$5,966.40 |
| • Energy Probe Research Foundation | \$6,677.57 |
| • Environmental Defence Canada Inc. | \$3,380.96 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$7,546.04 |

DATED at Toronto October 14, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar