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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2022-0065

TORONTO HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM LIMITED

**Application for electricity distribution rates effective January 1,
2023**

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Commissioner

Michael Janigan
Commissioner

January 10, 2023

OVERVIEW

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (Toronto Hydro) filed its 2023 Custom Incentive Rate-setting Annual Update application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 23, 2022, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2023. Toronto Hydro also applied for approval to establish a new sub-account, to track an expected net decrease in depreciation expense arising from changes to the financial useful lives of its capital assets.

The OEB granted the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO) and School Energy Coalition (SEC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility. Cost eligibility was granted only in relation to Toronto Hydro's proposed new variance account to track depreciation impacts related to expected changes to the financial useful lives of its capital assets.

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

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO and SEC. No objections to the cost claims were received from Toronto Hydro.

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 and SEC are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Toronto Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

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| • Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario | \$1,491.61 |
| • School Energy Coalition | \$1,441.89 |

DATED at Toronto January 10, 2023

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Nancy Marconi
Registrar