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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2022-0019

CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

**Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1,
2023**

BEFORE: **Lynne Anderson**
Presiding Chief Commissioner

David Sword
Commissioner

January 10, 2023

OVERVIEW

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (CNPI) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 3, 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. Canadian Niagara Power Inc. also applied for a Z-factor claim, to recover costs (and carrying charges) related to the damage caused to its distribution system by a windstorm.

The OEB granted the Small Business Utility Alliance (SBUA) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility only in relation to CNPI's Z-factor claim.

On December 8, 2022, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for cost claims. The OEB issued its Final Rate Order on December 15, 2022.

The OEB received a cost claim from VECC. SBUA did not file a cost claim. No objection to the cost claim was received from CNPI.

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 VECC's cost claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by CNPI.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Canadian Niagara Power Inc. shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2,829.77.

DATED at Toronto January 10, 2023

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar