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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**EB-2022-0018**

**BURLINGTON HYDRO INC.**

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges  
beginning May 1, 2023**

**BEFORE: Allison Duff**  
Presiding Commissioner

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**May 1, 2023**

## OVERVIEW

Burlington Hydro Inc. (Burlington Hydro) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 7, 2022, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates, effective May 1, 2023. Burlington Hydro 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 Burlington Hydro's Z-factor claim.

On March 23, 2023, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Burlington Hydro to raise any objections to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Burlington Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims from SBUA and VECC. No objections were received from Burlington Hydro.

## Findings

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

The OEB finds that the cost claims of SBUA and VECC are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Burlington Hydro.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Burlington Hydro Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
  - Small Business Utility Alliance \$3,238.72
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$3,601.52

**DATED** at Toronto May 1, 2023

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar