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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2022-0059

PUC DISTRIBUTION INC.

Application for electricity distribution rates beginning May 1, 2023

BEFORE: **Pankaj Sardana**
Presiding Commissioner

Emad Elsayed
Commissioner

Robert Dodds
Commissioner

May 16, 2023

OVERVIEW

PUC Distribution Inc. (PUC Distribution) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 31, 2022 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, seeking approval for changes to the rates that PUC Distribution charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2023.

The OEB granted the Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Environmental Defence, School Energy Coalition (SEC), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On April 6, 2023, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from CCC, Environmental Defence, SEC and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received from PUC Distribution.

Findings

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

The OEB finds that the cost claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by PUC Distribution.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

• Consumers Council of Canada	\$35,145.83
• Environmental Defence	\$6,215.00
• School Energy Coalition	\$34,641.28
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$29,841.18

DATED at Toronto May 16, 2023

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar