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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

## **EB-2023-0041**

### **NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HYDRO INC.**

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges  
beginning January 1, 2024**

**BEFORE:**     **Robert Dodds**  
                 Presiding Commissioner

**Pankaj Sardana**  
                 Commissioner

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**November 17, 2023**

## OVERVIEW

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. (Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro) filed a cost-of-service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 27, 2023, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates it charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2024.

The OEB granted School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On September 21, 2023, the OEB issued its Decision and Order which among other matters, set out the cost award process.

The OEB received cost claims from SEC and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received from Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro.

## 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 Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
  - School Energy Coalition \$18,958.03
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$19,036.59

**DATED** at Toronto November 17, 2023

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar