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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

## **EB-2023-0140**

### **EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (SOUTH BRUCE)**

**Motion to Review and Vary the EB-2022-0184 Decision and Order  
(Phase 2) relating to the Customer Volume Variance Account**

**BEFORE:** **Michael Janigan**  
Presiding Commissioner

**Fred Cass**  
Commissioner

**David Sword**  
Commissioner

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**December 7, 2023**

## OVERVIEW

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to a proceeding on a motion to review filed by EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR) on May 10, 2023, in respect of the OEB's April 6, 2023, Phase 2 Decision and Order in proceeding EB-2022-0184 relating to the Customer Volume Variance Account.

In its June 7, 2023, Notice of Hearing, Procedural Order No. 1 and Decision on Threshold Question and Request for a Stay, the OEB indicated that intervenors in the EB-2022-0184 proceeding were approved as intervenors in this proceeding and that their cost award eligibility was extended accordingly. School Energy Coalition (SEC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) were approved as intervenors and eligible for a cost award on that basis.

The OEB's October 12, 2023, Decision on EPCOR's motion to review set out, among other things, the process for addressing cost awards. Cost claims were due no later than October 26, 2023.

Cost claims were filed by SEC and VECC.

EPCOR filed a letter with the OEB on November 1, 2023, confirming they had no objections to those cost claims.

## Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost 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 EPCOR.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership shall immediately pay SEC and VECC the following amounts for their costs:

- School Energy Coalition \$8,711.17
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$5,573.79

**DATED** at Toronto December 7, 2023

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar