

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2023-0058

WESTARIO POWER INC.

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

BEFORE: Fred Cass Presiding Commissioner

> Patrick Moran Commissioner

June 21, 2024

OVERVIEW

Westario Power Inc. (Westario Power) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 3, 2023, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Westario Power 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 April 30, 2024, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from SEC and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received from Westario Power.

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 Westario Power.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

•	School Energy Coalition	\$18,605.47
•	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$16,206.84

DATED at Toronto June 21, 2024

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi Registrar