

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2024-0006

ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2025

BEFORE: Allison Duff

Presiding Commissioner

Lynne AndersonCommissioner

OVERVIEW

Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra Utilities) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 15, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2025. Alectra Utilities also applied for approval of Renewable Generation Connection Rate Protection funding for its Brampton, PowerStream, and Enersource rate zones, a review of the Deemed Return on Equity to determine if the Earning Sharing Mechanism is triggered, and an assessment of the allocation methodology applied to the capitalized deferral accounts.

On September 24, 2024, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting intervenor status and cost eligibility to the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC).

On December 12, 2024, the OEB issued a Decision and Rate Order outlining the process for cost awards. SEC and VECC were required to file their cost claims by December 19, 2024.

The OEB received cost claims from both SEC and VECC. No objections were raised by Alectra Utilities.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claim to ensure compliance with its <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

The OEB finds that the cost claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Alectra Utilities.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Alectra Utilities Corporation shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - School Energy Coalition

\$2,274.69

• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

\$1,457.75

DATED at Toronto February 13, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi Registrar