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## **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

### **EB-2024-0155**

### **HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.**

**Leave to Construct Application - St. Clair Transmission  
Line Project**

**BEFORE:**     **Fred Cass**  
Presiding Commissioner

**Robert Dodds**  
Commissioner

David Sword  
**Commissioner**

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**February 14, 2025**

## OVERVIEW

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 28, 2024, under sections 92 and 96.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting leave to construct approximately 64 kilometres of electricity transmission line and associated facilities in the Township of St. Clair, Municipality of Wallaceburg, and the Chatham-Kent areas (Project). The proposed electricity transmission line would extend from Lambton Transformer Station, connecting Wallaceburg Transformer Station, and terminating at Chatham Switching Station. This transmission line has been designated as a priority transmission project under section 96.1 of the OEB Act by an [Order in Council 876/2022](#).

Hydro One also applied to the OEB under section 97 of the OEB Act for approval of the forms of land use agreements it offers to landowners for the routing and construction of the Project.

On July 31, 2024, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, which granted intervenor status to the following parties:

- Enbridge Gas Inc.
- Independent Electricity System Operator
- Kevin Jakubec
- The Ross Firm Group
- The Siskinds Firm Group
- Vector Pipeline Inc.

The Ross Firm Group and the Siskinds Firm Group were granted eligibility for cost awards. However, the Siskinds Firm Group's eligibility is limited to the landowners they represent who are directly affected by the Project.

On December 10, 2024, the OEB issued a Decision and Order which, among other things, outlined the process for cost awards. Eligible intervenors were required to file their cost claims by December 17, 2024.

The OEB received cost claims from The Ross Firm Group and the Siskinds Firm Group. No objections were received from Hydro One.

## Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims to ensure compliance with its [\*Practice Direction on Cost Awards\*](#).

The OEB finds that the cost claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Hydro One.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| • The Ross Firm Group     | \$25,425.00 |
| • The Siskinds Firm Group | \$ 4,213.77 |

**DATED** at Toronto February 14, 2025

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Nancy Marconi  
Registrar