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

### **EB-2024-0007**

### **ALGOMA POWER INC.**

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other  
charges beginning January 1, 2025**

**BEFORE:**     **Allison Duff**  
Presiding Commissioner

**Fred Cass**  
Commissioner

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**February 19, 2025**

## OVERVIEW

Algoma Power Inc. (Algoma Power) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on June 3, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Algoma Power charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2025.

On July 22, 2024, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting intervenor status and cost eligibility to the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC).<sup>1</sup> Procedural Order No. 1 advised cost eligible intervenors that this application is part of the OEB's intervenor budget pilot project as set out in the OEB's 2025 Filing Requirements [letter](#) dated April 11, 2024. The budget cost award for these applications is \$20,000 per intervenor for the pilot project.

On January 9, 2025, the OEB issued a Final Decision and Order with the process for filing cost claims. Cost eligible intervenors were required to submit their cost claims by January 16, 2025.

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

## Findings

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

The OEB finds the cost claims reasonable and approves the claims as filed.

The OEB acknowledges the \$20,000 budget per intervenor for utilities with less than 30,000 customers included in the pilot project. However, the complexities of Algoma Power's application were atypical for a cost of service application. The application involved novel and complex issues that raised unique legal questions. In addition, the OEB divided the approved issues list and approved a process that allowed for both a settlement conference and written submissions.

The OEB finds that SEC's and VECC's cover letters provided valid justifications to support the respective cost claims filed. The OEB is satisfied that the work effort was well managed, and duplication of effort is not a concern.

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<sup>1</sup> On August 8, 2024, the OEB also approved the Independent Electricity System Operator as an intervenor in this proceeding.

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

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

• School Energy Coalition	\$31,224.18
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$22,123.63

**DATED** at Toronto February 19, 2025

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar