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# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

## EB-2024-0058

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

**Before:** **Patrick Moran**  
Presiding Commissioner  
**Robert Dodds**  
Commissioner

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**May 20 2025**

## OVERVIEW

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), dated August 23, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval for changes to the rates that Welland Hydro-Electric System charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2025.

The OEB approved the Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada (CCMBC), School Energy Coalition (SEC), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) for intervenor status and cost award eligibility. In Procedural Order No. 1 the OEB included the Welland Hydro-Electric System proceeding in the OEB's budget pilot project for utilities with less than 30,000 customers and established a costs budget of \$20,000 for each cost eligible intervenor.<sup>1</sup>

On March 27, 2025 the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from CCMBC, SEC and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received from Welland Hydro-Electric System.

## Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed by CCMBC, SEC and VECC to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that the cost claims are reasonable and within the budget established in Procedural Order No. 1. The OEB therefore approves the claims as filed.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Welland Hydro Electric-System shall pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

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|---------|-------------|
| • CCMBC | \$9,136.05  |
| • SEC   | \$13,833.46 |
| • VECC  | \$15,177.83 |

**DATED** at Toronto May 20, 2025

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray  
Acting Registrar

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<sup>1</sup> Procedural Order No. 1 dated October 9, 2024