

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

EB-2024-0030

# HYDRO 2000 INC.

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

**BEFORE:** David Sword

**Presiding Commissioner** 

### **OVERVIEW**

Hydro 2000 Inc. (Hydro 2000) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 15, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro 2000 charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2025.

The OEB granted Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility. In Procedural Order No. 1 the OEB included the Hydro 2000 proceeding in the OEB's budget pilot project for utilities with less than 5,000 customers and established a costs budget of \$20,000 for each cost eligible intervenor.<sup>1</sup>

On April 24, 2025, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received a cost claim from VECC. No objections to the cost claim were received from Hydro 2000.

#### **Findings**

The OEB has reviewed the claim filed to ensure that it is compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that the cost claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Hydro 2000.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro 2000 Inc. shall promptly pay \$16,121.09 to VECC.

**DATED** at Toronto June 3, 2025

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Procedural Order No. 1 dated November 29, 2024