

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS EB-2024-0008

ATIKOKAN HYDRO INC.

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

BEFORE: Pankaj Sardana Presiding Commissioner

June 3, 2025

OVERVIEW

Atikokan Hydro Inc (Atikokan Hydro) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 30, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Atikokan Hydro 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 Atikokan Hydro 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.¹

On April 29, 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 on May 6, 2025. Atikokan Hydro filed a letter on May 9, 2025, confirming that it had no objections to the costs claimed by VECC.

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 Atikokan Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Atikokan Hydro Inc. shall promptly pay \$15,349.33 to VECC.

DATED at Toronto June 3, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar

¹ Procedural Order No. 1 dated December 16, 2024