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DECISION AND ORDER ON INTERIM COST AWARDS

EB-2024-0026

GREATER SUDBURY HYDRO INC.

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

BEFORE: Anthony Zlahtic
Presiding Commissioner

Patrick Moran
Commissioner

Vinay Sharma
Commissioner

June 10, 2025

OVERVIEW

Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. filed a cost of service application on October 30, 2024, seeking approval for changes to the rates Greater Sudbury Hydro charges for electricity distribution effective May 1, 2025.

The OEB granted Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), the Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada (CCMBC), School Energy Coalition (SEC), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On April 15, 2025, the OEB issued its Partial Decision and Interim Rate Order in which it set out the process for interim cost claims. In its Partial Decision and Interim Rate Order, the OEB permitted cost eligible intervenors to file interim claims for costs incurred up to April 30, 2025, which was the deadline set out in that decision for the filing of comments on the draft rate order.

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, CCMBC, and SEC. VECC advised it will not be seeking interim costs but will file its complete cost claim at the end of the proceeding.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the interim cost claims filed to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that the interim cost claims are sufficiently documented for the purposes of an interim cost award and shall be reimbursed by Greater Sudbury Hydro. As noted in the OEB's Partial Decision and Interim Rate Order, the OEB will conduct a complete review of all cost claims for the entire proceeding at its conclusion, and this will include opportunities for Greater Sudbury Hydro to object to each intervenor's total cost claim and for intervenors whose claims were the subject of objections to reply. Interim awards of costs may be subject to adjustment at that time.

As noted in Procedural Order No. 1, the OEB reminds AMPCO and CCMBC that as part of the OEB's review of cost claims at the conclusion of the proceeding, AMPCO and CCMBC are required to explain how they coordinated their interventions when submitting their cost claims, or if they did not, why that was appropriate in their view.¹

¹ EB-2024-0026, Procedural Order No. 1, December 12, 2024, p. 2

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario \$ 14,356.68
 - Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada \$ 12,678.60
 - School Energy Coalition \$ 24,420.44
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto June 10, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar