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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2024-0022

EB-2024-0096

ESSEX POWERLINES CORPORATION

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

BEFORE: **Fred Cass**
 Presiding Commissioner

Pankaj Sardana
 Commissioner

June 23, 2025

OVERVIEW

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board on cost claims with respect to two applications filed by Essex Powerlines Corporation (Essex Powerlines) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. On February 16, 2024 Essex Powerlines filed an application for approval to establish a new deferral account and sub-accounts. The OEB assigned EB-2024-0096 to the case. On May 1, 2024 Essex Powerlines filed an application for approval for changes to the rates that it charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2025. The OEB assigned EB-2024-0022 to the case and determined that the applications would be combined into one proceeding.

The OEB granted Hydro One Networks Inc., School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and granted SEC and VECC cost award eligibility.

On August 29, 2024, the OEB issued its Decision and Order with respect to Essex Powerlines' application for a new deferral account, and on March 18, 2025 the OEB issued its Decision and Order on Essex Powerlines' 2025 electricity distribution rates.

On April 24, 2025, the OEB issued its Final Rate Order in which it set out the cost awards process. The OEB received cost claims from SEC and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received from Essex Powerlines.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The OEB finds that the cost claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Essex Powerlines.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Essex Powerlines shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

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| • SEC | \$36,739.71 |
| • VECC | \$34,300.17 |

DATED at Toronto June 23, 2025

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Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar