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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2024-0039

LAKELAND POWER DISTRIBUTION LTD.

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

BEFORE: **David Sword**
 Presiding Commissioner

Robert Dodds
Commissioner

Vinay Sharma
Commissioner

July 14, 2025

OVERVIEW

Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. (Lakeland Power) filed a cost-of-service application dated October 31, 2024 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.

On December 17, 2024, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 granting intervenor status to School Energy Coalition (SEC), Trestle Brewing Company and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC). SEC and VECC applied for cost eligibility. Trestle Brewing Company did not apply for cost eligibility.

On December 19, 2024, the OEB issued a letter noting that the proceeding on Lakeland Power's 2025 cost of service application will be part of the OEB intervenor budget pilot project and established a costs budget of \$20,000 for each cost eligible intervenor.¹

On June 3, 2025, the OEB issued its Final Decision and Order detailing the process for filing cost claims. Cost eligible intervenors were required to submit their cost claims by June 10, 2025.

The OEB received cost claims from both SEC and VECC. SEC's cost claim states that "as this application is part of the project capping intervenor costs at \$20,000 plus HST, we have only claimed that amount." SEC reduced the hours claimed by 15.71 hours to reach the target amount.²

No objections were raised by Lakeland Power.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claim to ensure compliance with its [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

The OEB finds that the cost claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Lakeland Power.

The OEB acknowledges that this was the first pilot project where the efficacy of setting budgets per intervenor is being analysed and the OEB appreciates that SEC reduced its hours spent to meet the budget set for this pilot project.

¹ EB-2024-0039, [OEB Letter – Intervenor Budget Pilot](#), December 19, 2024

² EB-2024-0039, [SEC Cost Claim](#), June 10, 2025

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

- School Energy Coalition \$22,599.88
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$18,377.38

DATED at Toronto July 14, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar