

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2024-0309

NEWMARKET-TAY POWER DISTRIBUTION LTD.

Application for Disposition and Consolidation of Deferral and Variance Accounts

BEFORE: Fred Cass

Presiding Commissioner

July 31, 2025

OVERVIEW

On February 11, 2025, Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd. (NT Power) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The application sought approval to dispose of certain Group 2 Deferral and Variance Account (DVA) balances and to consolidate all Group 1 and Group 2 DVAs for NT Power's two rate zones, the Midland rate zone (MRZ) and the Newmarket-Tay rate zone (NTRZ).

On February 26, 2025, the OEB issued a Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1 (Combined Notice and PO), which stated that cost-eligible intervenors in NT Power's last rate application who notify the OEB of their intention to participate would be accepted as intervenors and eligible for costs in this proceeding. The School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) were cost-eligible intervenors in the preceding rate application and indicated their intention to participate in this proceeding in accordance with the Combined Notice and PO.

On May 22, 2025, the OEB issued its Decision and Order on the application, which detailed the process for filing cost claims. Cost-eligible intervenors were required to submit their cost claims by June 6, 2025.

The OEB received cost claims from both SEC and VECC.

No objections to the cost claims were raised by NT Power.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims to ensure compliance with its <u>Practice Direction</u> on Cost Awards.

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

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

School Energy Coalition \$2841.84
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2518.73

DATED at Toronto July 31, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar