

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2024-0021

ERTH POWER CORPORATION

Application for rates and other charges to be effective May 1, 2025

BEFORE: Fred Cass

Presiding Commissioner

Pankaj Sardana Commissioner

Vinay Sharma Commissioner

October 27, 2025

OVERVIEW

ERTH Power Corporation (ERTH Power) filed a Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for an adjustment to its electricity distribution rates, effective May 1, 2025. ERTH Power also applied for incremental capital funding for the purchase of property, design, construction, and furnishing of a new administrative and operational facility.

On November 20, 2024, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 which granted intervenor status and cost eligibility to the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC).

On August 28, 2025, the OEB issued its Final Rate Order, which included provisions for a cost awards process. Cost claims were due by September 4, 2025. ERTH Power was required to file any objections to the cost claims by September 15, 2025, with reply submissions from VECC and SEC due by September 22, 2025. The OEB received cost claims from SEC and VECC. No objections were raised by ERTH Power.

Findings

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

The OEB finds that the cost claims are reasonable and are approved as filed.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

• SEC \$34,797.91

• VECC \$23,601.39

DATED at Toronto October 27, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar