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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2024-0015

E.L.K. ENERGY INC.

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

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Commissioner

Fred Cass
Commissioner

March 3, 2026

OVERVIEW

E.L.K. Energy Inc. (E.L.K. Energy) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 28, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2025. E.L.K. Energy also requested disposition of its Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account balances from 2016 to 2023 and a single Group 2 account over a four-year period.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on November 19, 2024. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), School Energy Coalition (SEC), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status. SEC and VECC also requested cost eligibility. The OEB approved SEC, VECC, and IESO as intervenors, and granted cost eligibility to SEC and VECC.

The OEB bifurcated the hearing of the application and issued a decision on the Phase 1 issues on August 28, 2025 and a decision on the Phase 2 issues on December 11, 2025. The OEB approved a May 1, 2025 effective date for E.L.K. Energy's new rates with an implementation date of January 1, 2026 and established a Draft Rate Order process.

On December 23, 2025, the OEB issued its Final Rate Order detailing the process for filing cost claims. SEC and VECC were required to submit their cost claims no later than January 16, 2026.

The OEB received cost claims from SEC and VECC.

No objections were raised by E.L.K. Energy.

Findings

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

The OEB finds that the cost claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by E.L.K. Energy.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, E.L.K. Energy Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

- School Energy Coalition \$8,251.61
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$4,850.88

DATED at Toronto March 3, 2026

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar