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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2025-0030

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2026

BEFORE: **Vinay Sharma**
Presiding Commissioner

Damien A. Côté
Commissioner

Patrick Moran
Commissioner

July 16, 2026

OVERVIEW

This is a decision on Hydro One Network Inc.'s (Hydro One) custom incentive rate-setting application filed under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2026. Hydro One also requested approval for a Z-factor claim to recover costs incurred due to an ice storm. On December 17, 2025, the OEB issued a Partial Decision and Order followed by a Rate Order on December 23, 2025. The OEB issued its Decision and Order on the Z-factor claim on April 7, 2026.

On May 19, 2026, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 3, in which it set out the cost award process.

The OEB received cost claims from the Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), School Energy Coalition (SEC), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC). No objections to the cost claims were received from Hydro One.

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 Hydro One.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One shall promptly pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

• CCC	\$10,750.26
• SEC	\$10,979.09
• VECC	\$9,421.90

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto July 16, 2026

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray
Registrar