



**Ontario Energy Board
Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario**

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2017-0069

OSHAWA PUC NETWORKS INC.

**Application for electricity distribution rates beginning January 1,
2018 and January 1, 2019**

BEFORE: Lynne Anderson
Presiding Member

Allison Duff
Member

February 27, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to an Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. (Oshawa PUC) proceeding.

Oshawa PUC filed a Custom Incentive Regulation Mid-Term Update application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 4, 2017 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Oshawa PUC charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2018 and January 1, 2019.

The OEB granted the Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On December 20, 2017, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claim, for Oshawa PUC to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Oshawa PUC.

SEC and VECC filed cost claims by the deadline specified in the Decision and Order. CCC's cost claim was filed on January 23, 2018 and is accepted by the OEB notwithstanding the late filing. No objections were received from Oshawa PUC.

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 all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that the claims of CCC, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Oshawa PUC.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

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| • Consumers Council of Canada | \$6,152.85 |
| • School Energy Coalition | \$5,830.80 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$9,175.30 |

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

DATED at Toronto February 27, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary