

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2018-0328

HALTON HILLS HYDRO INC.

Application for rates and other charges beginning May 1, 2019

BEFORE: Michael Janigan
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

Robert Dodds
Vice-Chair and Member

May 29, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to a Halton Hills Hydro Inc. (Halton Hills Hydro) proceeding.

Halton Hills Hydro filed an application with the OEB on December 3, 2018 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) and under the OEB's Filing Requirements for Incentive Rate-Setting Applications seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates, to be effective May 1, 2019.

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

On April 4, 2019, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Halton Hills Hydro to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Halton Hills Hydro.

The OEB received cost claims from SEC and VECC. On April 18, 2019, Halton Hills Hydro filed a letter stating that it had no objections to the cost claims received from SEC and VECC.

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 both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that the claims of SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Halton Hills Hydro.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

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| • School Energy Coalition | \$4,626.22 |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$5,916.78 |

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

DATED at Toronto May 29, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary