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# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

## EB-2023-0053

### TILLSONBURG HYDRO INC.

Application for electricity distribution rates and other  
charges beginning May 1, 2024

BEFORE: Lynne Anderson  
Chief Commissioner

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January 13, 2024

## OVERVIEW

Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. (Tillsonburg Hydro) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 30, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Tillsonburg Hydro charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2024.

The OEB granted Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On November 12, 2024, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received from Tillsonburg Hydro.

### 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 notes that both the Issues List Conference and Settlement Conference were full day meetings. While VECC attended the complete Issues List Conference, its time is not recorded to reflect this. The OEB concludes that some of this time was recorded under the category of preparation. The OEB approves the cost claim because the overall time recorded was reasonable. However, VECC is encouraged to discuss their approach to recording time with OEB staff to improve the consistency of how time is reported.

The OEB finds that the cost claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

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| • Energy Probe Research Foundation      | \$7,731.90  |
| • Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition | \$10,890.31 |

**DATED** at Toronto January 13, 2024

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Nancy Marconi  
Registrar