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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2024-0023

FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges
beginning January 1, 2025**

BEFORE: Anthony Zlahtic
Presiding Commissioner

Fred Cass
Commissioner

January 27, 2025

OVERVIEW

Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival Hydro) filed a cost-of-service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 26, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Festival Hydro charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2025.

The OEB granted the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), School Energy Coalition (SEC), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On November 12, 2024, the OEB issued a Decision and Order which, among other things, outlined the process for cost awards.

The OEB received cost claims from AMPCO, Energy Probe, SEC, and VECC. No objections to the cost claims were received from Festival Hydro.

Findings

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

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

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

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| • AMPCO | \$14,449.89 |
| • Energy Probe | \$ 9,664.88 |
| • SEC | \$23,428.30 |
| • VECC | \$19,122.36 |

DATED at Toronto on January 27, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar