

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2024-0010

BURLINGTON HYDRO INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2025

BEFORE: Patrick Moran

Presiding Commissioner

Pankaj Sardana Commissioner

March 18, 2025

OVERVIEW

Burlington Hydro Inc. (Burlington Hydro) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 15, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,* seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2025. Burlington Hydro also applied for incremental capital funding for the relocation of electrical distribution assets on Dundas Street due to road widening work.

On September 24, 2024, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting intervenor status and cost eligibility to the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC).

On February 11, 2025, the OEB issued a Final Rate Order outlining the process for cost awards. VECC was required to file their cost claim by February 18, 2025.

The OEB received a cost claim from VECC, and Burlington Hydro raised no objections.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claim to ensure compliance with its <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

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

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Burlington Hydro Inc. shall immediately pay the following amount to the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition for its costs:
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

\$4,201.77

DATED at Toronto March 18, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi Registrar