



EB-2008-0272

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF a review of an application filed by Hydro One Networks Inc. under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking changes to the uniform provincial transmission rates.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin
Presiding Member

Paul Vlahos
Member

Ken Quesnelle
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

On September 30, 2008, Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 78 of *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (the "Act"). The application sought approval for changes to the uniform provincial transmission rates that Hydro One charges for electricity transmission to be effective and implemented on July 1, 2009. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2008-0272.

The Board issued its Decision with Reasons on May 28, 2008. In its decision the Board did not approve four of the Network Capital Projects (labeled in the application as D7, D8, D9 and D10). However, the Board indicated that it would leave this part of the application open to provide Hydro One with the opportunity to file supplemental evidence on the projects. On September 4, 2009 Hydro One filed supplementary evidence.

Intervenors who had been found eligible for costs in the original case and that participated in the examination of the supplementary application were also deemed eligible for costs. The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on December 16, 2009, in which it also set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Hydro One.

On February 4, 2010, the Board issued its Decision and Order on Cost Awards, in which the Board approved the cost claims from the Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario; the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters; Energy Probe Research Foundation and the School Energy Coalition.

On February 4, 2010, the Board received an e-mail from the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") indicating that their claim had been overlooked. VECC's cost claim had been faxed to the Board, which is not in accordance with the Board's Filing Procedures. The Board would advise VECC to file all cost claims electronically through RESS in future to be consistent with current Board Filing Procedures.

Hydro One has received VECC's cost claim dated December 21, 2010, and no objections were received from Hydro One. The Board has reviewed VECC's cost claim and finds that VECC is eligible to recover 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Hydro One.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One shall immediately pay VECC \$4,312.69.

DATED at Toronto, March 1, 2010.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary