

**Ontario Energy
Board**

**Commission de l'énergie
de l'Ontario**



EB-2010-0125

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Brant County
Power Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity
distribution to be effective May 1, 2011.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

Brant County Power Inc. ("Brant County") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 5, 2010, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that it charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011. The Board assigned File Number EB-2010-0125 to the application.

On December 24, 2010, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC"), and Brantford Power Inc. intervenor status. The Board also determined that Energy Probe and VECC were eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice and Direction on Cost Awards*.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on May 9, 2011, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Brant County.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC. No comments were received from Brant County.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed Energy Probe's and VECC's cost claims. The Board finds the cost claims by Energy Probe and VECC to be reasonable and that Brant County shall reimburse the costs, as noted below.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Brant County shall immediately pay:
 - a. Energy Probe Research Foundation \$16,289.76; and
 - b. Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$17,432.82.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Brant County shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, June 10, 2011.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary