



**EB-2011-0193**

**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 an application by Parry Sound Power Corporation for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective January 1, 2012.

**BEFORE:** Karen Taylor  
Presiding Member

Paula Conboy  
Member

## **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

### **Background**

Parry Sound Power Corporation (“Parry Sound Power”), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on September 29, 2011 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 Parry Sound Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0193 to the application.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Parry Sound Power’s revenue-to-cost ratio matters that go beyond the implementation of previous Board decisions.

In the original application, Parry Sound Power did not include any evidence related to a lost revenue adjustment mechanism (“LRAM”) claim. On December 8, 2011, after the

record was closed Parry Sound Power filed new evidence supporting a 2010 LRAM claim in this proceeding.

On December 13, 2011, in its Decision, Interim Rate Order and Procedural Order No. 1, the Board decided to make provision to re-open the public record and allow Parry Sound Power's 2010 LRAM evidence to be heard as part of this application. The Board also determined that VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs in relation to Parry Sound Power's proposed 2010 LRAM claim.

On February 6, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Parry Sound Power.

The Board received a cost claim from VECC. No comments were received from Parry Sound Power.

### **Board Findings**

The Board has reviewed VECC's cost claim and finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and Parry Sound Power shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

### **THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Parry Sound Power shall immediately pay VECC \$1,234.29.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Parry Sound Power shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 29, 2012

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary