

**Ontario Energy
Board**

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



EB-2011-0188

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 Northern
Ontario Wires Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing
just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to
be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Karen Taylor
Presiding Member

Paula Conboy
Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
May 04, 2012**

Background

Northern Ontario Wires Inc. ("NOW"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 28, 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 NOW charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0188.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to NOW’s request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on March 22, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by NOW.

The Board issued its Final Rate Order on March 30, 2012.

VECC’s cost claim was received by the Board on April 9, 2012, and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from NOW.

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 NOW shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NOW shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$641.83.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NOW shall pay the Board’s costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board’s invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 04, 2012.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary