



**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 Thunder  
Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution 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 11, 2012**

**Background**

Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. (“Thunder Bay Hydro”), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on November 10, 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 Thunder Bay Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0197.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Thunder Bay Hydro’s request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism and any revenue-to-cost ratio matters that go beyond the implementation of previous Board decisions.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on April 4, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Thunder Bay Hydro.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on April 26, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from Thunder Bay Hydro.

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 Thunder Bay Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Thunder Bay Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$828.92.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Thunder Bay Hydro shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 11, 2012.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary