



**EB-2012-0145**

**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 Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity to be effective May 1, 2013.

**BEFORE:** Cynthia Chaplin  
Presiding Member and Vice-Chair

Jerry Farrell  
Member

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

**April 25, 2013**

### **Background**

Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. (“LPDL”) filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on October 3, 2012 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval for changes to the rates that LPDL charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0145 to the application.

On November 7, 2013, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On March 7, 2013, the Board issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by LPDL.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No comments were received from LPDL.

### Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC.

The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The claim of VECC has been subject to a minor reduction due to failure to comply with the government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*. The Board finds that the cost claims of Energy Probe and SEC are reasonable as is the adjusted claim of VECC and each of these cost claims shall be reimbursed by LPDL.

### THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, LPDL shall immediately pay:
  - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$14,546.62;
  - School Energy Coalition \$7,799.00; and
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$17,382.85.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, LPDL shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 25, 2013

### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary