



EB-2013-0287

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 Toronto
Hydro-Electric System Limited for an order approving or
fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to
Smart Meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2014.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Ken Quesnelle
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
March 14, 2014

Background

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (“THESL”) filed a complete application (the “Application”) with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on August 1, 2013 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 Toronto Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2014.

On September 12, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On January 16, 2014, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for THESL to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by THESL.

On February 20, 2014, the Board issued its Decision and Rate Order.

VECC submitted its cost claim by the February 27, 2014 deadline specified in the Decision and Order. SEC submitted its cost claim on March 4, 2014. No objections were received from THESL.

Board Findings

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

The Board finds that both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. VECC's cost claim requires a minor reduction due to an incorrect calculation of a courier charge. The Board finds that the claim of SEC and the adjusted claim of VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by THESL.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, THESL shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - School Energy Coalition \$2,295.00; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2,802.45.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, THESL shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, March 14, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary