



EB-2008-0928

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 Erie Thames
Powerlines Corporation for an order approving or fixing just
and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution
of electricity to be effective May 1, 2008.

BEFORE: Paul Sommerville
Presiding Member

Ken Quesnelle
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation (“Erie Thames”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on November 30, 2007 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that it charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2008.

The Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) received intervenor status and were deemed eligible to apply for an award of costs.

The Board issued its Decision on the application on October 27, 2008, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Erie Thames.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC. No comments were received from Erie Thames.

The Board finds that both Energy Probe and VECC are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that each party's claims are reasonable and both should be reimbursed by Erie Thames.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Erie Thames shall immediately pay:
 - Energy Probe \$13,501.84; and
 - VECC \$9,566.49.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Erie Thames shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, January 21, 2009

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary