



EB-2008-0335

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 Power
Stream Inc. and Barrie Hydro Distribution Inc. under
section 86 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 seeking
an order for leave to amalgamate.

BEFORE: Gordon Kaiser
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Paul Vlahos
Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

PowerStream Inc. (“PowerStream”) and Barrie Hydro Distribution Inc. (“Barrie Hydro”), both licensed electricity distributors, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, received on October 16, 2008, under section 86(1)(c) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act* (the “Act”), seeking leave to amalgamate PowerStream and Barrie Hydro.

Hydro One Networks Inc., the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) and Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”) were granted intervenor status in this

proceeding. Energy Probe and SEC were determined to be eligible to apply for an award of costs.

The Board issued its Order on the application on December 15, 2008, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe and SEC. No comments or objections were received from PowerStream and Barrie Hydro.

The Board finds that both Energy Probe and SEC 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 that both should be reimbursed by PowerStream and Barrie Hydro. It should be noted that PowerStream and Barrie Hydro amalgamated on January 1, 2009.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, PowerStream Inc. shall immediately pay:
 - Energy Probe \$5,054.05; and
 - SEC \$20,561.45.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, PowerStream Inc. shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, March 12, 2009

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary