

EB-2008-0277

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 Lakefront Utilities Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity to be effective May 1, 2008.

AND IN THE MATTER OF a Motion by Lakefront Utilities Inc. for Review and Variance of the Board's Decision and Order.

BEFORE: Gordon Kaiser

Presiding Member and Vice Chair

Paul Sommerville

Member

Paul Vlahos Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

On May 9, 2008 the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") issued its Decision in relation to an application by Lakefront Utilities Inc. ("Lakefront") under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*; S.O. c.15, Schedule B, for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity as of May 1, 2008. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2007-0761.

The School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") received intervenor status and were deemed eligible to apply for an award of costs.

On August 6, 2008, Lakefront Utilities Inc. filed a Notice of Motion (the "Motion") with the Ontario Energy Board for an Order to review and vary the Board's May 9, 2008 Decision. In its Notice of Motion, Lakefront referenced four distinct areas of the 2008 Decision that it wished to have reviewed. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2008-0277.

On March 25, 2009, the Board issued its Decision on the Motion, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Lakefront.

The Board received cost claims from SEC and VECC. No comments were received from Lakefront.

The Board finds that SEC and VECC are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that SEC's and VECC's claims are reasonable and will be reimbursed by Lakefront.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Lakefront shall immediately:
 - SEC \$2,501.70; and
 - VECC \$2,487.68.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Lakefront shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 20, 2009

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary