



EB-2008-0247

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 an application
by Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. for an order
approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other
charges for the distribution of electricity to be effective May
1, 2009.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin
Presiding Member

Paul Sommerville
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. ("Welland") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on August 15, 2008, 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, 2009.

The Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario ("AMPCO"), the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), 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 in this proceeding.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on July 7, 2009, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Welland.

AMPCO did not file a cost claim. The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No comments were received from Welland.

The Board has reviewed the cost claims and has found that Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that Energy Probe's, SEC's and VECC's claims are reasonable and will be reimbursed by Welland.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Welland shall immediately pay:
 - Energy Probe \$12,804.56;
 - SEC \$ 5,327.65; and
 - VECC \$11,754.20.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Welland shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, September 14, 2009

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary