



**EB-2007-0770**

**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 Hydro  
Ottawa Limited for an accounting order to establish a  
variance account.

**BEFORE:** Paul Vlahos  
Presiding Member

### **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

Hydro Ottawa Limited ("Hydro Ottawa") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board ("Board"), pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), dated September 14, 2007, requesting that the Board issue an accounting order that would authorize Hydro Ottawa to establish a variance account – the 2007 Capitalized Overhead Variance Account – and to record in it the variance between: (a) one-quarter (1/4) of the Board-approved amount of capitalized overhead in the 2007 service revenue requirement; and (b) the actual amount of capitalized overhead in the last quarter (October-December) of 2007. This application was given Board File No. EB-2007-0770 and relied on evidence filed by Hydro Ottawa in its 2008 distribution rate application (EB-2007-0713) filed with the Board on September 19, 2007.

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 on the application on December 28, 2007, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Hydro Ottawa.

SEC did not file a cost claim. The Board received a cost claim from VECC in January 2008. No comments were received from Hydro Ottawa. Due to an administrative error the cost award file was not processed and VECC re-submitted its cost claim on August 27, 2009.

The Board has reviewed the cost claim and has found that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and will be reimbursed by Hydro Ottawa.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro Ottawa shall immediately pay VECC \$553.50.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro Ottawa shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, September 25, 2009.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary