



EB-2008-0249

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 West
Perth Power Inc. for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity
distribution to be effective May 1, 2009.

BEFORE: Paul Vlahos
Presiding Member

Ken Quesnelle
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

West Perth Power Inc. ("West Perth") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, received on April 1, 2009 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that West Perth charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2009. The Board assigned the application File Number EB-2008-0249.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and was found to be eligible to apply for an award of costs.

On September 9, 2009, the Board received a letter from West Perth requesting permission to withdraw its application. The Board acknowledged and granted the request on September 15, 2009.

The Board issued its Procedural Order No. 3 on October 22, 2009, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by West Perth.

The Board received a cost claim from VECC. No comments were received from West Perth.

The Board has reviewed the cost claims 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 West Perth.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, West Perth shall immediately pay Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2,029.50.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, West Perth shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, December 21, 2009.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary