Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2009-0158 EB-2009-0192

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 Horizon Utilities Corporation for an order or orders approving recovery of amounts related to Conservation and Demand Management activities and smart meters.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin

Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Horizon Utilities Corporation ("Horizon") filed two distribution rate applications with the Ontario Energy Board ("the Board") dated May 21, 2009 and June 25, 2009 under the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B. In one application Horizon has requested an increase to its utility-specific smart meter funding adder. This application was given file number EB-2009-0158. In the other application, Horizon requested the recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism ("LRAM") and Shared Savings Mechanism ("SSM") amounts related to its third tranche and Ontario Power Authority's ("OPA") Conservation and Demand Management ("CDM") activities for the 2007 and 2008 calendar years. This application was given file number EB-2009-0192.

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

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on October 8, 2009, in which it set out the process for VECC to file their cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by Horizon.

The Board received a cost claim from VECC and no comments were received from Horizon.

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 Horizon.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Horizon shall immediately pay VECC \$7,189.35.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Horizon shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, January 6, 2010.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary