



**EB-2009-0416**

**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 Hydro One Networks Inc. to expand the scope of the  
deferral account previously authorized in proceeding EB-  
2008-0272.

**BEFORE:** Cynthia Chaplin  
Vice Chair and Member

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

#### **Background**

The Board, in its Decision on Hydro One Networks Inc's ("Hydro One") application for 2009 and 2010 revenue requirements (EB-2008-0272), authorized the creation of a deferral account for "IPSP & Other Long Term Projects Preliminary Planning Costs." This deferral account allows for the recording of preliminary planning costs for 18 projects listed in that application. By letters dated December 3, 2009 and December 15, 2009 Hydro One requested that the Board expand the scope of the deferral account to include development OM&A costs associated with 14 additional projects. The Board assigned the application File No. EB-2009-0416.

On January 26, 2010, the Board issued a Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1 stating that it will adopt as intervenors in this proceeding the intervenors and other parties of record from the EB-2008-0272 proceeding. The Board granted cost eligibility to the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, the Consumers Council of Canada , Energy Probe Research Foundation and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC").

On March 25, 2010, the Board issued its Decision and Order on the application, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Hydro One.

The Board received cost claims from each of the eligible parties. No comments were received from Hydro One.

### **Board Findings**

The Board has reviewed the cost claims filed by each claimant. Due to a calculation error when computing the GST, the Board has adjusted VECC's cost claim. VECC's total revised claim is \$2,283.19. No other adjustments were necessary.

The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that each party's claims, adjusted as described above, are reasonable, and Hydro One shall reimburse all parties for their costs.

### **THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act*, 1998, Hydro One shall immediately pay:
  - Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters \$8,841.26;
  - Consumers Council of Canada \$ 866.25;
  - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$2,493.31; and
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2,283.19.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, Hydro One shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 14, 2010  
**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary