Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2009-0132

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** applications by Coopérative Hydro Embrun for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2010.

**BEFORE:** Paul B. Sommerville Presiding Member

# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

#### Background

Coopérative Hydro Embrun Inc. ("Embrun") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers in its licensed service territory. Embrun filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 17, 2009 under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) (the "Act"), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Embrun charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2010.

On November 4, 2009, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 granting School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and Vulnerable Energy Coalition ("VECC") interevenor status. The Board determined that SEC and VECC were eligible to apply for an award of costs. The Board issued its Decision on the application on March 19, 2010, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Embrun.

The Board received a cost claim from VECC. SEC did not submit a cost claim. No comments were received from Embrun.

### **Board Findings**

The Board has reviewed VECC's 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 Embrun shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

# THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Embrun shall immediately pay Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$11,415.94.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Embrun shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 19, 2010

# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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Kirsten Walli Board Secretary