



EB-2009-0271

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 Oakville
Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. for an order approving
just and reasonable rates and other charges for the
distribution of electricity to be effective May 1, 2010.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. (“Oakville Hydro” or “the Applicant”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on August 28, 2009. The application was filed under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O 1998, c. 15 (Sched. B) (the “Act”), seeking approval for changes to the rates that it charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2010. The Board assigned file number EB-2009-0271 to this application.

On October 7, 2009, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 granting Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) intervenor status. The Board also determined that the intervenors are each eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board’s *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The Board issued its Decision on the application on April 30, 2010, in which it also set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Oakville Hydro.

The Board received cost claims from the Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No comments were received from Oakville Hydro.

The Board finds the cost claims by Energy Probe, SEC and VECC to be reasonable and that Oakville Hydro shall reimburse the costs, as noted below.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Oakville Hydro shall immediately pay:

- Energy Probe Research Foundation \$25,938.29;
- School Energy Coalition \$26,879.75; and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$20,125.88.

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

DATED at Toronto, June 7, 2010.

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Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary