Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2009-0096

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 Hydro One Networks Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges for 2010 and 2011.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin

Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Paul Sommerville

Member

SUPPLEMENTAL DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

On July 13, 2009 Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application for 2010 and 2011 distribution rates, including its Green Energy Plan. The Board assigned File No. EB-2009-0096 to the application.

On September 9, 2009, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 granting 19 parties intervenor status. In Procedural Order No. 1 the Issues List Decision and Procedural Order No. 2, the Board determined that the following parties were eligible to apply for an award of costs:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario ("AMPCO");
- Consumers Council of Canada ("CCC");

- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters ("CME");
- Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe");
- Pollution Probe Foundation ("Pollution Probe");
- School Energy Coalition ("SEC");
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC");
- Green Energy Coalition ("GEC");
- Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario ("ECAO"); and
- Common Voice Northwest.

The Board also approved cost eligibility status for EnviroCentre with the proviso that EnviroCentre limit its participation to the Green Energy Plan related issues.

The Board issued its Decision with Reasons on the application on April 9, 2010, in which it also set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Hydro One.

On June 17, 2010, the Board issued its Decision and Order on Cost Awards and approved the cost claims by VECC; SEC; Pollution Probe; GEC; Energy Probe, ECAO, CCC; CME and AMPCO. In that Decision, the Board awarded CME a cost award of \$147,581.39 for this proceeding.

On June 17, 2010, CME contacted the Board regarding the costs awarded. On June 28, 2010, CME submitted additional receipts and information regarding their initial cost claim.

The Board has reviewed this additional documentation and has determined that the amounts claimed for flight cancellation charges, a parking receipt and an airline flight are approved for an additional cost award amount of \$712.94. An amount of \$288.32 is not approved. This is the result of a calculation error, and the lack of sufficient information and/or receipts for previously disallowed meal and telephone charges.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, Hydro One shall immediately pay Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters the amended cost award amount of \$148,294.33. If Hydro One has already paid the original amount of

\$147,581.39, it shall immediately pay Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters an additional \$712.94.

DATED at Toronto, July 21, 2010

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary