



**EB-2007-0770**

**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 Ottawa  
Limited for an accounting order to establish a variance  
account.

**BEFORE:** Paul Vlahos  
Presiding Member

Bill Rupert  
Member

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

### **The Application**

Hydro Ottawa Limited ("Hydro Ottawa") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board ("Board"), pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), dated September 14, 2007, requesting that the Board issue an accounting order that would authorize Hydro Ottawa to establish a variance account – the 2007 Capitalized Overhead Variance Account – and to record in it the variance between: (a) one-quarter (1/4) of the Board-approved amount of capitalized overhead in the 2007 service revenue requirement; and (b) the actual amount of capitalized overhead in the last quarter (October-December) of 2007. This application was given Board File No. EB-2207-0770 and relied on evidence filed by Hydro Ottawa in its 2008 distribution rate application (EB-2007-0713) filed with the Board on September 19, 2007.

Intervenors of record in the proceedings dealing with Hydro Ottawa's 2006 distribution rate application (EB-2005-0381), 2007 distribution rate application (EB-2007-0544) and 2008 distribution rate application (EB-2007-0713) were deemed to be intervenors for this EB-2007-0770 proceeding. Intervenors found eligible for cost awards in the EB-2005-0381, EB-2007-0544 and EB-2007-0713 proceedings are eligible for cost awards in the EB-2007-0770 proceeding.

The Board proceeded with this application by way of a written hearing. Following an interrogatory process, submissions were received by the School Energy Coalition and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition, and from Board Staff.

### **Withdrawal of the Application**

In its reply submission of December 21, 2007, Hydro Ottawa stated that it is withdrawing its application. The Board does not have any reason to believe that the withdrawal of Hydro Ottawa's application may adversely affect the interests of any party or may be contrary to the public interest. The Board therefore grants Ottawa Hydro permission to withdraw its application.

Subject to the cost awards process set out below and the subsequent decision and order with respect to cost awards, the Board considers this file to be closed.

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

1. The School Energy Coalition and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition shall file with the Ontario Energy Board and serve on Hydro Ottawa their cost claim within 21 days from the date of this Order. The cost claim must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.
2. Hydro Ottawa may file with the Ontario Energy Board and serve on the School Energy Coalition and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition any objection to the claimed costs within 35 days from the date of this Order.

3. The School Energy Coalition and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition may file with the Ontario Energy Board and serve on Hydro Ottawa any response to any objection for cost claims within 42 days of the date of this Order.

**DATED** at Toronto, December 28, 2007.

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary