



EB-2010-0228

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 approving just and reasonable
rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be
effective January 1, 2010.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin
Chair and Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Board Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, received on June 30, 2010, under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), requesting approval of new Joint Use charges related to generation projects, to be effective January 1, 2010, and new and revised Connection Impact Assessment ("CIA") charges. Hydro One requested that the proposed CIA charges be declared interim until the final decision is issued in this proceeding. The Board assigned the Application file number EB-2010-0228.

On August 18, 2010, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the requests for intervenor status and cost award eligibility to the Association of Power Producers of Ontario (“APPrO”), the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (“CME”), Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”). The Board also granted intervenor status to the Enbridge Ontario Wind Power, the Ontario Power Authority and the Society of Energy Professionals. The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (“OSEA”) requested and was granted late intervenor status. On January 5, 2011, the Board confirmed cost award eligibility for OSEA.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on December 17, 2010, 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 APPrO, CME, Energy Probe, OSEA and VECC. On February 4, 2011, Hydro One replied to the cost claims stating that it had no concerns with the cost claims submitted by VECC and Energy Probe. With respect to the cost claims from APPrO and CME, Hydro One requested that the disbursement receipts be reviewed to ensure that all the receipts match what has been claimed. With respect to the cost claim from OSEA, Hydro One objected to the 5 hours claimed by Ms. Marion Fraser for the attendance at the Technical Conference. Hydro One stated that Ms. Fraser did not make an appearance and the Technical Conference ran from 9:11 a.m. to 11:53 a.m.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the claims filed by APPrO, CME, Energy Probe, OSEA and VECC.

Due to a calculation error when calculating Form 3, the Board has adjusted Energy Probe’s cost claim. The Board notes that Energy Probe’s total revised claim is \$7,939.60.

With respect to Hydro One's objection to OSEA's costs claimed for attending the Technical Conference, the Board agrees that the 5 hours claimed by Marion Fraser should be denied since she did not attend. The Board will therefore reduce OSEA's cost claim by 5 hours. The Board determines that the total revised claim for OSEA is \$4,410.78.

The Board finds that APPrO, CME and VECC are eligible to recover 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that Energy Probe's and OSEA's claims, adjusted as described above, are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Hydro One.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One shall immediately pay:
 - Association of Power Producers of Ontario \$30,911.00;
 - Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters \$2,381.19;
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$5,059.28;
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$7,939.60; and
 - Ontario Sustainable Energy Association \$4,410.78.
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, March 3, 2011.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary