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



EB-2010-0137

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 Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2011.

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. ("Milton Hydro") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on August 27, 2010, under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Milton Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011. The Board assigned File Number EB-2010-0137 to the application.

On October 19, 2010, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC"); the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and Joan Shewchun intervenor status. The Board also determined that Energy Probe, SEC and VECC were eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice and Direction on Cost Awards*.

The Board issued its Decision and Rate Order on February 11, 2011, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Milton Hydro.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. By a letter dated April 4, 2011, Milton Hydro stated that it had no objections to the cost claims.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed Energy Probe's, SEC's and VECC's cost claims. Due to a calculation error on Form 1, the Board has adjusted Energy Probe's cost claim. Energy Probe's total revised claim is \$17,942.32.

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

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

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

 Energy Probe Research Foundation 	\$17,942.32;
School Energy Coalition	\$12,721.00; and
 Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition 	\$12,176.57.

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

DATED at Toronto, April 28, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary