Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2010-0101

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 Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2011.

BEFORE: Karen Taylor

Presiding Member

Paula Conboy Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. ("NOTL"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 13, 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 NOTL charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2010-0101.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied and was granted cost award eligibility in this proceeding in relation to NOTL's proposal for lost revenue adjustment mechanism and shared savings mechanism recoveries, and revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on March 17, 2011, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by NOTL.

On March 31, 2011, the Board received VECC's cost claim. No comments were received from NOTL.

The Board has reviewed VECC's cost claim and finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and NOTL shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NOTL shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,886.51.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NOTL shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 5, 2011.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary