## Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2010-0115

**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 Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution 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**

Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. ("Thunder Bay"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") received on September 17, 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 Thunder Bay charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2010-0115.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") were granted cost award eligibility for participation in the proceeding related to Thunder Bay's request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on March 28, 2011, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Thunder Bay.

On March 28, 2011, SEC indicated that they did not participate in a meaningful way in this proceeding and therefore would not submit a cost claim. On March 31, 2011, the Board received a cost claim from VECC.

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 Thunder Bay should reimburse VECC for its costs.

## THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Thunder Bay shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,800.76.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Thunder Bay shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 9, 2011.

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary