



EB-2010-0117

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 Veridian
Connections 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

Paul Sommerville
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Veridian Connections Inc. ("Veridian") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its two licensed service areas: Veridian – Main and Veridian – Gravenhurst. Veridian filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 15, 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 Veridian charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2010-0117.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted cost award eligibility in this proceeding in relation to Veridian's request for recovery of costs related to testing of non pole-top transformers and revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on April 7, 2011, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Veridian.

On April 13, 2011, the Board received VECC's cost claim. No comments were received from Veridian.

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 Veridian shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Veridian shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,143.76.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Veridian shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 11, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary