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



EB-2010-0132

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 Brampton Networks Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2011.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy Presiding Member

> Cathy Spoel Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. ("HOBNI") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on June 30, 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 it charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2011. The Board assigned File Number EB-2010-0132 to the application.

On August 26, 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 PowerStream Inc. intervenor status. The Board also determined that Energy Probe, SEC and VECC were eligible intervenors to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice and Direction on Cost Awards*.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on April 4, 2011, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by HOBNI.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No comments were received from HOBNI.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed Energy Probe's, SEC's and VECC's cost claims. The Board finds the cost claims by Energy Probe, SEC and VECC to be reasonable and that HOBNI shall reimburse the costs, as noted below.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

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

٠	Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$40,330.84;
٠	School Energy Coalition	\$28,847.36; and
•	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$32,636.34.

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

DATED at Toronto, May 31, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary