



EB-2009-0266

**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 Hearst Power  
Distribution Company Limited for an order approving or  
fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for  
electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2010.

**BEFORE:** Marika Hare  
Presiding Member

Ken Quesnelle  
Member

## **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

### **Background**

Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited (“Hearst Power”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on April 28, 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 May 1, 2010. The Board assigned File Number EB-2009-0266 to the application.

On July 9, 2010, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) intervenor status. The Board also determined that VECC was eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board’s *Practice and Direction on Cost Awards*.

The Board issued its Decision on February 15, 2011, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by Hearst Power.

The Board received a cost claim from VECC. No comments were received from Hearst Power.

### **Board Findings**

The Board has reviewed VECC's cost claim and finds it to be reasonable. Hearst Power shall reimburse the costs, as noted below.

### **THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hearst Power shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$14,862.38.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hearst Power shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, June 7, 2011.

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary