



**EB-2010-0145**

**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 Woodstock  
Hydro Services Incorporated for an order approving or  
fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for  
electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2011.

**BEFORE:** Paula Conboy  
Presiding Member

Marika Hare  
Member

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

### **Background**

Woodstock Hydro Services Incorporated ("Woodstock Hydro") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 1, 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, 2011. The Board assigned File Number EB-2010-0145 to the application.

On November 26, 2010, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status. The Board also determined that Energy Probe, SEC and VECC were eligible 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 20, 2011, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Woodstock Hydro.

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

### **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 and SEC to be reasonable and that Woodstock Hydro shall reimburse the costs, as noted below. The Board also finds VECC's cost claim to be reasonable subject to an adjustment due to a calculation error on Form 3. Woodstock Hydro shall reimburse VECC's revised claim of \$11,632.46.

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

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Woodstock Hydro shall immediately pay:
  - a. Energy Probe Research Foundation \$12,592.47;
  - b. School Energy Coalition \$9,968.16; and
  - c. Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$11,632.46.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Woodstock Hydro 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