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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 Great Lakes Power Limited under section 86 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking leave to transfer its transmission system to Great Lakes Power Transmission LP;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Great Lakes Power Transmission Inc. on behalf of Great Lakes Power Transmission LP under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an electricity transmission licence;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Great Lakes Power Limited under section 18 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking leave to transfer its transmission rate order to Great Lakes Power Transmission LP;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Great Lakes Power Limited under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for a licence amendment;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Great Lakes Power Limited under section 18 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking leave to transfer its leave to construct order to Great Lakes Power Transmission LP.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin
Presiding Member

Paul Sommerville
Member

Paul Vlahos
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Great Lakes Power Limited ("GLPL") and Great Lakes Power Transmission Inc. ("GLPT") on behalf of Great Lakes Power Transmission LP ("GLPTLP") (altogether, the "Applicants") filed applications with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") dated June 4, 2007.

GLPL sought leave of the Board to transfer its transmission system to GLPTLP. GLPL stated that it would remain as operator of the transmission system but not the owner. GLPL applied for a licence amendment to its electricity transmission licence (ET-2002-0247) to remove the owner qualification from its licence. GLPT on behalf of GLPTLP applied for an electricity transmission licence to own the transmission system. GLPL also sought leave of the Board to transfer its transmission rate order and its leave to construct order from RP-2003-0120/EB-2003-0162 to GLPTLP.

In the interest of efficiency, the Board combined these applications pursuant to its power under section 21(5) of the Act. The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on June 28, 2007. The Applicants served and published the notice on July 17, 2007. The Independent Electricity System Operator, the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and the Power Workers Union were granted intervenor status in the proceeding. Algoma Steel Inc. and the Algoma Coalition were granted observer status. No letters of comment were received. VECC requested and was granted cost eligibility in this proceeding.

On December 24, 2007, the Board issued its Decision with Reasons which provided that cost claims shall be filed with the Board and a copy served on the Applicants by January 25, 2008. The Applicants were provided until February 8, 2008 to object to any aspect of the costs claimed.

VECC filed its cost claim with the Board on January 31, 2008 and served the claim on the Applicants. Legal and consulting costs of \$2,340.00 were claimed and \$69.98 of GST was claimed. The Applicants did not object to the cost claim.

VECC's cost claim included costs that were not in accordance with the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards and has therefore been reduced by a total of \$17.80. This reduction was necessary as the hourly rate charged for VECC's legal counsel was not in accordance with the Board's Tariff and there was a minor error in the calculation of GST applicable for VECC's consultant. The proper application of the Board's Tariff results in a reduction of \$17.50 in legal fees and a corresponding GST reduction of

\$0.53. The correction to the GST calculation for the consultant's costs results in an increase of \$0.23.

Great Lakes Power Limited and Great Lakes Power Transmission Inc. on behalf of Great Lakes Power Transmission LP shall each pay 50% of VECC's cost award.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Great Lakes Power Limited shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,196.09.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Great Lakes Power Transmission Inc. on behalf of Great Lakes Power Transmission LP shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,196.09.

ISSUED at Toronto, February 22, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary