



EB-2011-0128

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
PowerStream Inc. for an order or orders approving or
fixing a just and reasonable distribution rates related
to Smart Meter deployment, to be effective November
1, 2011.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Ken Quesnellle
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

PowerStream Inc. ("PowerStream") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on June 24, 2011 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) (the "Act"), seeking final approval for smart meter related costs to the end of December 31, 2009 and other going forward costs. The Board assigned file number EB-2011-0128 to the application.

On August 4, 2011, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor and cost award eligibility status.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on November 21, 2011, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by PowerStream.

VECC filed its cost claim late due to an oversight. By an e-mail dated January 12, 2012, PowerStream stated that it had no objections to VECC's cost claim. The Board accepts the cost claim notwithstanding the late filing.

Board Findings

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 PowerStream shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, PowerStream shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$3,258.52.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, PowerStream shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, January 18, 2012.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary