



EB-2011-0172

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 Horizon
Utilities Corporation for an order or orders approving or
fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other
charges, to be effective January 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Karen Taylor
Presiding Member

Paula Conboy
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

Horizon Utilities Corporation (“Horizon”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on October 13, 2011 for permission to change its delivery charges beginning January 1, 2012. The Application was filed under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B). The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0172.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in this proceeding in relation to Horizon’s request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery.

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

On January 25, 2012, the Board received VECC's cost claim. On January 31, 2012, Horizon filed a letter stating that it had no objections to VECC's cost claim.

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 Horizon shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Horizon shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,577.29.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Horizon shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, February 10, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary