



**EB-2011-0174**

**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 Hydro One  
Brampton Networks Inc. 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**

Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. ("HOBNI"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 16, 2011 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 HOBNI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0174.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status in this proceeding. VECC was granted cost award eligibility in relation to HOBNI's request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery and revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments that go beyond the implementation of previous Board decisions.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on December 22, 2011, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by HOBNI.

On January 25, 2012, the Board received VECC's cost claim. No comments were received from HOBNI.

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 HOBNI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HOBNI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,826.75.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HOBNI 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