

EB-2011-0335

**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 West Coast Huron Energy Inc. for an order approving the recovery of costs caused by tornado damage to be effective October 1, 2011.

**BEFORE:** Ken Quesnelle

**Presiding Member** 

Marika Hare Member

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

## Background

West Coast Huron Energy Inc. ("West Coast Huron") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 8, 2011 under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B). West Coast Huron requested approval to recover the costs caused by an F3 Tornado that occurred on August 21, 2011. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0335 to the application.

On, 2011, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario ("AMPCO"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status. The Board also determined that AMPCO, SEC and VECC were eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

On January 31, 2012, the Board issued its Decision with Reasons, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by West Coast Huron.

The Board received cost claims from AMPCO, SEC and VECC. No comments were received from West Coast.

# **Board Findings**

The Board has reviewed AMPCO's, SEC's and VECC's cost claims and finds that AMPCO, SEC and VECC are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that all claims are reasonable and West Coast Huron shall reimburse AMPCO, SEC and VECC for their costs.

#### THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, West Coast Huron shall immediately pay:

Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario \$3,695.67;

School Energy Coalition \$2,442.00; and

Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2,744.02.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, West Coast Huron shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at, Toronto, March 1, 2012.

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary