



**EB-2011-0273**

**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 Grimsby  
Power Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and  
reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of  
electricity to be effective January 1, 2012.

**BEFORE:** Marika Hare  
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel  
Member

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

### **Background**

Grimsby Power Inc. ("Grimsby") filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on August 16, 2011. The Application was filed under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (the "Act"), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Grimsby charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0273 to the application.

On, September 21, 2011, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe") and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status. The Board also determined that Energy Probe and VECC were eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

On September 26, 2011, the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) filed a Notice of Intervention seeking intervenor status and cost eligibility status. On September 28, 2011, the Board granted the SEC intervenor status subject to the right of parties to object. The Board also determined that SEC was eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board’s *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

On January 16, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Grimsby.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No comments were received from Grimsby.

### **Board Findings**

The Board has reviewed Energy Probe’s, SEC’s and VECC’s cost claims and finds that Energy Probe, 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 Grimsby shall reimburse Energy Probe, SEC and VECC for their costs.

### **THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Grimsby shall immediately pay:
  - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$19,950.74;
  - School Energy Coalition \$16,764.00; and
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$18,158.30.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Grimsby shall pay the Board’s costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board’s invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 9, 2012

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary