



EB-2011-0152

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 Algoma
Power Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable
rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be
effective January 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Karen Taylor
Presiding Member

Paula Conboy
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

Algoma Power Inc. ("Algoma"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 15, 2011, and an amended application on October 13, 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 Algoma charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0152 to the application.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") were granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regard to Algoma's revenue-to-cost ratio matters that go beyond the implementation of previous Board decisions and the reflection of Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection.

On January 20, 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 Algoma.

The Board received cost claims from SEC and VECC. No comments were received from Algoma.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed SEC's and VECC's cost claims and finds that 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 Algoma shall reimburse SEC and VECC for their costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Algoma shall immediately pay:
 - School Energy Coalition \$2,178.00; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2,385.43.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Algoma shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, April 4, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary