



**EB-2011-0185**

**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 an application  
by Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. for an order or orders  
approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates  
and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2012.

**BEFORE:** Karen Taylor  
Presiding Member

Paula Conboy  
Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**  
**April 27, 2012**

**Background**

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. ("NPEI"), 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 NPEI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0185.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to NPEI's request for revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments that go beyond the implementation of previous Board's decisions.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on March 22, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by NPEI.

On March 27, 2012, the Board issued a Revised Rate Order.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on April 5, 2012, and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from NPEI.

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 NPEI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NPEI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$296.23.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NPEI shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 27, 2012

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary