



EB-2011-0207

**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  
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. for an order  
approving just and reasonable rates and other  
charges for electricity distribution to be effective May  
1, 2012.

**BEFORE:** Karen Taylor  
Presiding Member

Paula Conboy  
Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**  
**May 4, 2012**

**Background**

Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. (“Woodstock Hydro”), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on September 22, 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 Woodstock Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0207.

The Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) were granted

intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to the recovery of costs of a new transformer station, revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments that go beyond implementation of previous Board decisions, and Woodstock Hydro's proposal for the lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery.

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

Energy Probe filed its cost claim by the April 5, 2012 deadline as specified in the Decision and Order. SEC's cost claim was received on April 17, 2012 and VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on April 20, 2012 and are accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from Woodstock Hydro.

The Board has reviewed the cost claims filed by Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. The Board 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 Woodstock Hydro 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*, Woodstock Hydro shall immediately pay:
  - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$2,535.23;
  - School Energy Coalition \$1,584.00; and
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2,803.78.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Woodstock Hydro shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 4, 2012

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary