



EB-2011-0123

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 Guelph Hydro
Electric Systems 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: Karen Taylor
Presiding Member

Ken Quesnelle
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

May 8, 2012

Background

Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. ("Guelph Hydro") filed a cost of service application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on June 30, 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 Guelph Hydro charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0123 to the application.

On August 5, 2011, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting each of Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status.

The Board also determined that each of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC were eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

On February 22, 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 Guelph Hydro.

The Board received cost claims from each of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. By letter dated April 1, 2012, Guelph Hydro indicated that it had no objections to the cost claims.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC 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 Guelph Hydro shall reimburse each of 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, Guelph Hydro shall immediately pay:
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$26,405.68;
 - School Energy Coalition \$27,060.00; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$15,505.25.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act*, 1998, Guelph 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 8, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary