



EB-2011-0183

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 Milton
Hydro Distribution 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

May 9, 2012

Background

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. ("Milton Hydro"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 19, 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 Milton Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0183.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and Ms. J. Shewchun applied and were granted intervenor status in this proceeding. VECC was granted cost award eligibility in relation to Milton Hydro's request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism

recovery and any revenue-to-cost ratio matters that go beyond the implementation of previous Board decisions. Ms. Shewchun did not request cost award eligibility. 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 Milton Hydro.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on April 12, 2012, and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from Milton Hydro.

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 and Milton Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Milton Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,026.41.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Milton 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 9, 2012.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary