Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0195

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 Renfrew Hydro 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

Renfrew Hydro Inc. ("Renfrew Hydro"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 17, 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 Renfrew charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0195.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Renfrew Hydro's request for lost revenue

adjustment mechanism recovery and any revenue-to-cost ratio matters that go beyond implementation of previous Board 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 Renfrew 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 Renfrew 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 Renfrew Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Renfrew Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$927.66.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Renfrew 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