



EB-2011-0163

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
Chatham-Kent 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

Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc. ("Chatham-Kent Hydro"), 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 Chatham-Kent Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0163.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Chatham-Kent 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.

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 Chatham-Kent Hydro.

On March 29, 2012, the Board issued a corrected version of its Decision and Order, which included the correct principal balance of Account 1586, the total Group 1 Account balance and an updated Tariff of Rates and Charges to reflect Chatham-Kent Hydro's recent name change to "Entegrus Powerlines Inc.".

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 Chatham-Kent 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 Chatham-Kent Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Chatham-Kent Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,296.65.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Chatham-Kent 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