



EB-2011-0186

**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 Niagara-on-the-Lake 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 10, 2012**

**Background**

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. ("NOTL"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 15, 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 NOTL charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0186.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to NOTL's request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery and Z-factor claim to recover the costs incurred due to wind storm damages.

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 NOTL.

On April 12, 2012, the Board issued a Rate Order.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on April 18, 2012. No comments were received from NOTL.

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 NOTL shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NOTL shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,629.68.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NOTL shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 10, 2012

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary