Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0201

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 Waterloo North 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 11, 2012

Background

Waterloo North Hydro Inc. ("Waterloo North Hydro"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 26, 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 Waterloo North Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0201.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Waterloo North Hydro's request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on April 4, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Waterloo North Hydro.

On April 10, 2012, the Board issued a Final Rate Order.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on April 18, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from Waterloo North 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 Waterloo North Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Waterloo North Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$582.06.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Waterloo North 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 11, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary