



**EB-2011-0123**

**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 Guelph Hydro  
Electric Systems Inc. for an order approving or fixing just  
and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution  
of electricity to be effective January 1, 2012.

**BEFORE:** Karen Taylor  
Presiding Member

Ken Quesnelle  
Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON  
MOTION TO REVIEW THE BOARD'S  
MAY 8, 2012 DECISION ON COST AWARDS**

**May 16, 2012**

**Background**

Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. ("Guelph Hydro") filed a cost of service application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on June 30, 2011. The Application was filed under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act"), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Guelph Hydro charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0123 to the application.

On August 5, 2011, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting each of Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) intervenor status. The Board also determined that each of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC were eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board’s *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

On February 22, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Guelph Hydro.

On May 8, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order on Cost Awards and approved the cost claims by Energy Probe, SEC and VECC.

The Board awarded VECC a cost award of \$15,505.25 for this proceeding. On May 9, 2012, VECC stated that the cost claim that was submitted on April 24, 2012 did not include its legal costs (\$3,466.40). In its letter, VECC submitted a revised cost claim which included both legal and consultants fees as well as the amount of HST claimable.

On May 9, 2012, Guelph Hydro replied to VECC’s updated cost claim and stated that it had no objections to VECC’s cost claim.

The decision issued on May 8, 2012, was a final order of the Board, which can only be amended by the Board through a motion to review under Rules 42-45 of the Board’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure*. The Board has determined that it will treat VECC’s updated cost claim as a motion to review. Guelph Hydro has already filed a letter indicating that it has no objections to the amended cost claim.

The Board has reviewed the amended cost claim of VECC and approves it.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act*, 1998, Guelph Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition an additional amount of \$3,466.40.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 16, 2012.

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary