



**EB-2011-0170**

**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  
Haldimand County 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 16, 2012**

**Background**

Haldimand County Hydro Inc. ("Haldimand County"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 30, 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 Haldimand County charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0170.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Haldimand County'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 Haldimand County.

VECC's cost claim was due on April 18, 2012 and was received by the Board on May 11, 2012. The cost claim is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from Haldimand County.

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 Haldimand County shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Haldimand County shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,234.29.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Haldimand County shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

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

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary