Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0005

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 PowerStream 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

PowerStream Inc. ("PowerStream"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 14, 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 PowerStream charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0005.

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

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 PowerStream.

On April 20, 2012, the Board issued a Final Rate Order.

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

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 PowerStream shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, PowerStream shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$977.04.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, PowerStream 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