Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0399

**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 Hydro One Networks Inc. for an order or orders approving a distribution revenue requirement and rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** a request by Hydro One Networks Inc. for Approval for the use of the USGAAP accounting standard for Rate Setting, Regulatory Accounting and Regulatory Reporting, as of January 1, 2012, in its Distribution business.

**BEFORE:** Paul Sommerville Presiding Member

> Ken Quesnelle Member

# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS May 18, 2012

#### Background

On December 1, 2011 Hydro One Networks Inc. submitted an application for approval to adopt USGAAP for rate setting, regulatory accounting and regulatory reporting for its Distribution business as of January 1, 2012. The Board assigned file number EB-2011-0399 to the application.

On December 13, 2011, the Board issued its Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1, granting the intervenor status in this proceeding to all intervenors in Hydro One's previous distribution rates proceeding (EB-2009-0096) and those intervenors in the Transmission USGAAP (EB-2011-0268) proceeding.

On March 23, 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 Hydro One.

The Board received cost claims from the Building Owners and Managers Association ("BOMA"), the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC"). By a letter dated May 2, 2012, Hydro One indicated that it had no objections to the cost claims filed by BOMA, CME, SEC and VECC.

### **Board Findings**

The Board has reviewed BOMA's, CME's, SEC's and VECC's cost claims and finds that BOMA, CME, SEC and VECC are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that all claims are reasonable and Hydro One shall reimburse BOMA, CME, SEC and VECC for their costs.

### THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One shall immediately pay:

<ul> <li>Building Owners and Managers Association</li> </ul>	\$3,479.27;
<ul> <li>Canadian Manufacturers &amp; Exporters</li> </ul>	\$4,457.85;
School Energy Coalition	\$3,905.00; and
<ul> <li>Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition</li> </ul>	\$1,800.76.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 18, 2012.

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary