



EB-2011-0187

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 North
Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. 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 24, 2012

Background

North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. ("North Bay Hydro"), 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 North Bay Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0187.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to North Bay Hydro's request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery and revenue-to-cost ratio matters that go beyond the

implementation of previous Board decisions. Mr. D. Rennick was also granted intervenor status in this proceeding, but did not request cost award eligibility. 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 North Bay Hydro.

On April 26, 2012, the Board issued a Rate Order.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on May 7, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from North Bay 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 North Bay Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, North Bay Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,372.01.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, North Bay 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 24, 2012.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary