



EB-2011-0148

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
Middlesex Power Distribution Corporation 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 30, 2012

Background

Middlesex Power Distribution Corporation ("MPDC"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed its application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 25, 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 MPDC charges for electricity distribution for the Main service area, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0148.

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

On April 18, 2012, the Board issued a Revised Rate Order.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on April 30, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from MPDC.

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 MPDC shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, MPDC shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$680.81.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, MPDC shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 30, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary