



**EB-2011-0166**

**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 Essex  
Powerlines 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 31, 2012**

**Background**

Essex Powerlines Corporation ("EPLC"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 4, 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 EPLC charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0166.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to EPLC's request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery and any revenue-to-cost ratio matters that go beyond the implementation of previous Board decisions.

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 EPLC.

On April 30, 2012, the Board issued a Final Rate Order, corrected on May 3, 2012.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on May 4, 2012. No comments were received from EPLC.

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 EPLC shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, EPLC shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,075.78.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, EPLC shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 31, 2012

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary