



EB-2011-0196

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 St.
Thomas Energy 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 31, 2012

Background

St. Thomas Energy Inc. ("St. Thomas"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 28, 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 St. Thomas charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0196.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to St. Thomas' request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery and 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 19, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by St. Thomas.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on May 24, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from St. Thomas.

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 St. Thomas shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, St. Thomas shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$582.06.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, St. Thomas 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