



EB-2011-0205

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 Westario
Power 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

Westario Power Inc. ("Westario Power"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an 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 Westario Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0205.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Westario Power's request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery.

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 Westario Power.

On May 10, 2012, the Board issued a Final Rate Order.

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 Westario Power.

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 Westario Power shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Westario Power 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*, Westario Power 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