Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0191

**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 Orillia Power Distribution Corp. 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 June 7, 2012

## Background

Orillia Power Distribution Corp. ("Orillia Power"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 31, 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 Orillia Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0191.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Orillia Power's request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery and proposed changes to the billing determinants for retail transmission network charges. 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 Orillia Power.

On May 1, 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 Orillia 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 Orillia Power shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

## THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, Orillia Power 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*, Orillia Power shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, June 7, 2012.

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary