Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0100

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 Enersource Hydro Mississauga 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 June 7, 2012

Background

Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc. ("Enersource Hydro"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 10, 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 Enersource Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0100.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and Ms. L. Volnyansky applied for and were granted intervenor status in this proceeding. VECC was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Enersource Hydro'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 Enersource Hydro.

VECC's cost claim was due on May 3, 2012 and was received by the Board on May 24, 2012. By letter dated May 24, 2012, Enersource Hydro stated that it finds VECC's cost claim to be reasonable. Enersource Hydro noted that VECC's cost claim was submitted beyond the required date, as per the Board's Decision and Order, but that VECC slightly reduced its cost claim relative to its actual Econalysis invoice, possibly to reflect its late submission.

The cost claim of VECC is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. The Board 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 Enersource Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enersource Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$878.29.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enersource Hydro 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