



EB-2011-0198

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 Tillsonburg Hydro 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

Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. ("Tillsonburg Hydro"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on December 12, 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 Tillsonburg Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0198.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Tillsonburg 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 Tillsonburg 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 25, 2012, Tillsonburg Hydro indicated that it did not meet the deadline to file its comments on cost claims as VECC's cost claim was not received until May 24, 2012. Tillsonburg Hydro submitted that 3.25 hours of effort is reasonable and does object to VECC's cost claim.

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 Tillsonburg Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Tillsonburg Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$631.44.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Tillsonburg 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