



EB-2011-0417

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 Horizon
Utilities Corporation for an order or orders approving or
fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to
Smart Meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Marika Hare
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
June 13, 2012

Background

Horizon Utilities Corporation ("Horizon Utilities"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on December 13, 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 Horizon Utilities charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0417 to the application.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the Application on May 1, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by Horizon Utilities.

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

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on June 5, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from Horizon Utilities.

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 Horizon Utilities shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Horizon Utilities shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,853.15.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Horizon Utilities shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, June 13, 2012.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary