



EB-2011-0173

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 Hydro
Hawkesbury 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 19, 2012

Background

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. ("HHI"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 15, 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 HHI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0173.

The School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") were granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to HHI's request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery and recovery of the costs of replacing two transformer stations.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on April 19, 2012, in which it set out the process for SEC and VECC to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by HHI.

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

Cost claims were submitted by SEC by the May 17, 2012 deadline specified in the Decision and Order. VECC submitted its cost claim on June 5, 2012. By an e-mail dated June 11, 2012, HHI expressed concern that they had received the cost award from VECC dated June 5, 2012 and stated that under the Order received from the Board, the intervenors had 7 days to file cost claims from the date of the final rate order which was issued on May 10, 2012.

The Board has reviewed SEC's and VECC's cost claims. The Board accepts VECC's cost claim notwithstanding the late filing and finds that both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that both claims are reasonable and HHI shall reimburse SEC and VECC for their costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HHI shall immediately pay:
 - School Energy Coalition \$3,189.00; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$3,001.27.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HHI shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, June 19, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary