Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0435

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 Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Ltd. 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 July 5, 2012

Background

Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Ltd. ("IHDSL"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on December 19, 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 IHDSL charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0435 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 17, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by IHDSL.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on June 12, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from IHDSL.

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 IHDSL shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, IHDSL shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,458.18.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, IHDSL shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, July 5, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary