



EB-2011-0250

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 Lakefront
Utilities Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable
rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be
effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
July 6, 2012

Background

Lakefront Utilities Inc. (“Lakefront”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, received on October 17, 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 Lakefront charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0250 to the application.

On January 12, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) intervenor status. The Board also determined that SEC and VECC were eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board’s *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. On May 1, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Lakefront.

SEC filed its cost claim on June 1 and VECC filed its cost claim on May 25, both past the deadline set by the Board. By letter dated June 7, 2012, the Board stated that it had decided to accept the cost claims, notwithstanding their late filing, and considered it necessary to allow Lakefront additional time to respond to the cost claims. In that letter, Lakefront was provided until June 15, 2012 to respond to the cost claims submitted by SEC and VECC. SEC and VECC were provided until June 22, 2012 to respond to Lakefront's comments. No comments were received from Lakefront.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of SEC and VECC 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 Lakefront 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*, Lakefront shall immediately pay:
 - School Energy Coalition \$7,463.00; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$16,347.16.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Lakefront shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, July 6, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary