



**EB-2011-0271**

**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 Halton Hills  
Hydro Inc. for an order approving or fixing 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 24, 2012**

**Background**

On August 26, 2011, Halton Hills Hydro Inc. ("HHH") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") 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 HHH charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0271 to the application.

On October 14, 2011, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status. The Board

also determined that Energy Probe, SEC and VECC were eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

On June 14, 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 HHH.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. On July 17, 2012, HHH filed comments stating that it accepted the cost claims as submitted by SEC and VECC. With regard to Energy Probe's cost claim, HHH noted that it found a discrepancy of \$220.84 and will accept a revised cost claim total in the amount of \$34,204.81. Energy Probe did not file any objection to the revised cost claim.

### **Board Findings**

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. The Board notes that due to an error when calculating the HST, the Board has adjusted Energy Probe's cost claim. The Board awards Energy Probe a total revised claim of \$34,204.81.

The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that the claims of SEC and VECC are reasonable as is the adjusted claim of Energy Probe and that each of these claims shall be reimbursed by HHH.

### **THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HHH shall immediately pay:
  - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$34,204.81;
  - School Energy Coalition \$15,020.00; and
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$21,535.33.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HHH shall pay the

Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, July 24, 2012

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary