



EB-2012-0212

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 Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2012.

AND IN THE MATTER OF a Motion by Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. pursuant to the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure for a review by the Board of its Decision and Order in proceeding EB-2011-0197 dated April 4, 2012.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin
Presiding Member

Karen Taylor
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
July 25, 2012

Background

On April 20, 2012, Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. ("TBHE") filed a Notice of Motion to Review and Vary the Board's Decision and Order dated April 4, 2012 in respect of TBHE's 2012 rate application EB-2011-0197 ("2012 IRM Decision"). The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0212 to the application.

On May 7, 2012, the Board issued its Notice of Motion to Vary and Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) cost eligibility status for purposes of participating in the Motion.

On June 28, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order on Motion to Review, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by TBHE.

The Board received a cost claim from VECC. No comments were received from TBHE.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed VECC’s cost claim. The Board notes that due to an error when calculating the Summary of Fees and Disbursement in page 2, the Board has adjusted VECC’s cost claim by \$3.74, and finds that VECC is awarded a total revised claim of \$2,156.75.

The Board finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that VECC’s claim, adjusted as described above, is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by TBHE.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, TBHE shall immediately pay Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2,156.75.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, TBHE pay the Board’s costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board’s invoice.

DATED at Toronto, July 25, 2012.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary