



EB-2007-0663

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 Welland Hydro-
Electric System Corporation, pursuant to section 78, of the
Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B) seeking
approval to amend electricity rates.

BEFORE: Paul Vlahos
Presiding Member

Paul Sommerville
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

On June 14, 2007, Welland Hydro-Electric System Corporation ("Welland Hydro") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the distribution of electricity and other charges, to be effective October 1, 2007. This application was amended by Welland on July 24, 2007. The Board assigned file number EB-2007-0663 to the application.

Notice of Application was published on August 18, 2007. One party, the School Energy Coalition ("SEC"), filed a request for intervention, which was granted.

On September 18, 2007, the Board issued an interim Rate Order declaring Welland Hydro's current distribution rates interim, effective October 1, 2007.

The Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 on September 14, 2007, to allow parties to seek further information by way of interrogatories. Interrogatories were served by Board staff and SEC on September 20, 2007. Welland Hydro responded to interrogatories on October 1, 2007, and filed further information on October 25, 2007.

The Board issued Procedural Order No.2 on November 9, 2007. The Board determined to proceed with the Application by way of a written hearing. Board staff and SEC filed submissions on November 23, 2007. Welland Hydro filed a reply submission on December 5, 2007.

The Board issued its Decision on December 24, 2007, and directed SEC to file their cost claims with the Board and Welland Hydro no later than January 14, 2008. If Welland Hydro had any comments concerning the claims, these concerns were to be forwarded to the Board and copied to all parties by January 28, 2008. Any responses to Welland Hydro's comments were to be filed with the Board and Welland Hydro by February 4, 2008.

SEC filed a cost claim with the Board and copied Welland Hydro. Welland Hydro did not file comments opposing the cost claim.

The Board has reviewed the cost claim from SEC and has found SEC to be entitled to 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board also found the cost claim to be reasonable and approves it.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Welland Hydro shall immediately pay SEC its cost equal to \$2,828.00.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Welland Hydro shall immediately pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, April 8, 2008

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Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary