



EB-2012-0201

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 Veridian
Connections 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 Veridian
Connections 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-2011-0199
dated March 22, 2012.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Paula Conboy
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

August 8, 2012

Background

On April 11, 2012, Veridian Connections Inc. ("Veridian") filed with the Ontario Energy Board a Notice of Motion to Review and Vary (the "Motion") the Board's Decision and Order dated March 22, 2012 in respect of Veridian's 2012 rate application (EB-2011-0199). The Board assigned the Motion file number EB-2012-0201.

On April 25, 2012, the Board issued its Notice of Motion to Vary and Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor and cost award eligibility status. VECC was the only intervenor in Veridian's 2012 rate application.

On June 14, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order on the Motion, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by Veridian.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on July 19, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from Veridian.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claim of VECC 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 Veridian shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Veridian shall immediately pay Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$1,629.26.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Veridian shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, August 8, 2012.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary