Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2012-0008

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 Peterborough Distribution Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to Smart Meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle Presiding Member

> Marika Hare Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS August 15, 2012

Background

Peterborough Distribution Inc. ("PDI") a licensed electricity distributor, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), received on January 20, 2012, 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 PDI charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0008 to the Application.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

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

On July 5, 2012, the Board issued a Rate Order.

The Board received VECC's cost claim on July 19, 2012. No comments were received from PDI.

The Board has reviewed VECC's cost claim 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 PDI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, PDI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,826.75.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, PDI shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, August 15, 2012.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary