



EB-2012-0015

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 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

Thunder Bay Hydro Distribution Inc. ("TBHDI"), a licensed electricity distributor, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), received on January 13, 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 TBHDI charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0015 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 21, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by TBHDI.

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

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

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 TBHDI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, TBHDI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,122.97.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, TBHDI 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