



EB-2012-0081

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 an application
by Burlington Hydro Inc. for an order or orders 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 16, 2012

Background

Burlington Hydro Inc. ("Burlington Hydro") a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on February 29, 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 Burlington Hydro charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2012.

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 Burlington Hydro.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on July 23, 2012, 4 days after the deadline set out in the Decision. Notwithstanding the late filing, the Board accepted the claim. No comments were received from Burlington Hydro.

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 Burlington Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Burlington Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,974.86.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Burlington Hydro shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at, Toronto, August 16, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary