



EB-2012-0180

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 Hydro One
Networks Inc. to Establish a Deferral Account Related to the
East-West Tie Line Proceeding (EB-2011-0140).

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
August 21, 2012

Background

On March 22, 2012 Hydro One Networks Inc. ("HONI") filed an application for an accounting order authorizing it to establish a new deferral account, the East West Tie deferral account ("EWTDA"). The purpose of the EWTDA is to record expenses relating to the East-West Tie Line proceeding (EB-2011-0140, also referred to as the "Designation Proceeding") and subsequent connection project activities related to the new electricity transmission line.

On April 18, 2012, the Board issued its Notice of Application and Written Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1, granting the following entities intervenor status in this proceeding:

- the three other licensed transmitters that currently recover Board-approved revenue requirements through the Board approved 2012 Uniform Transmission Rates: Great Lake Power Transmission Inc., Five Nations Energy Inc., and, Canadian Niagara Power Inc.;
- intervenors in the Board's EB-2010-0002 and EB-2009-0416 proceedings; and
- Intervenors in the East-West Tie proceeding (EB-2011-0140).

The Board also determined that any party which was granted cost eligibility in any of the noted proceedings EB-2010-0002, EB-2009-0416, and EB-2011-0140 was granted cost eligibility for this proceeding.

On July 12, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by HONI.

The Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME"), London Property Management Association ("LPMA"), Northwatch, School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") filed cost claims by the deadline of July 27, 2012. SEC's cost claim was received by the Board on August 2, 2012, and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing.

On August 3, 2012, HONI filed comments stating that it raised no issues with the cost claims from VECC, Northwatch, LPMA, CME and SEC. HONI stated that it was able to review the claims and respond within the allotted timeframe and requested that cost claims be submitted on or before the submission deadline, to allow sufficient time to review each claim.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of CME, LPMA, Northwatch, SEC and VECC and finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HONI shall immediately pay:
 - Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters \$1,328.88;
 - London Property Management Association \$820.38;
 - Northwatch \$614.72;
 - School Energy Coalition \$1,771.00; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$1,543.51.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HONI shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at, Toronto, August 21, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary