



EB-2012-0094

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 Cooperative
Hydro Embrun 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
September 19, 2012

Background

Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. ("CHEI"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on March 16, 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 CHEI charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0094 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 July 26, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by CHEI.

On August 23, 2012, the Board issued a Final Rate Order.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on August 24, 2012. No comments were received from CHEI.

The Board has reviewed VECC's cost claim. Due to a calculation error when calculating the cost claim for hearing, the Board has adjusted VECC's cost claim. The Board notes that VECC's total revised claim is \$1,948.87.

The Board finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that VECC's claim, as adjusted above, is reasonable and CHEI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, CHEI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,948.87.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, CHEI shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, September 19, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary