



**EB-2011-0293**

**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 Atikokan  
Hydro Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable  
rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be  
effective May 1, 2012.

**BEFORE:** Marika Hare  
Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**  
**September 20, 2012**

**Background**

Atikokan Hydro Inc. ("Atikokan") filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 30, 2011 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 Atikokan charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the Application file number EB-2011-0293.

On January 13, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1 granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status. The Board also determined that VECC was eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

On June 18, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by Atikokan.

The Board issued its Final Rate Order on August 23, 2012.

The Board received VECC's cost claim on August 3, 2012. No comments were received from Atikokan.

### **Board Findings**

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 Atikokan shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

### **THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Atikokan shall immediately pay Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$7,904.64.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Atikokan shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, September 20, 2012  
**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary