



EB-2011-0326

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 2000
Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable
rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity to
be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy
Presiding Member

Cynthia Chaplin
Vice Chair

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
September 20, 2012

Background

Hydro 2000 Inc. ("Hydro 2000") filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board on October 12, 2011. The Application was filed under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro 2000 charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0326.

On November 29, 2011, 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 July 5, 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 Hydro 2000.

The Board issued its Rate Order on August 9, 2012.

The Board received VECC's cost claim on August 8, 2012. No comments were received from Hydro 2000.

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 Hydro 2000 shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro 2000 shall immediately pay Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$9,237.67.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro 2000 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