Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2012-0086

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 Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to Smart Meter deployment, to be effective July 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle Presiding Member

> Marika Hare Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS September 20, 2012

Background

Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc. ("CND"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on March 27, 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 CND charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective July 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0086 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 CND.

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

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on August 22, 2012. No comments were received from CND.

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 CND shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, CND shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,195.73.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, CND 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

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Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary