



EB-2012-0187

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
London Hydro 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
October 3, 2012**

Background

London Hydro Inc. ("London Hydro"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on April 2, 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 London Hydro charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0187 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 London Hydro.

A Final Rate Order was issued on August 23, 2012.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on September 17, 2012, and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from London Hydro.

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 London Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, London Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,541.33.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, London Hydro shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, October 3, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary