



EB-2011-0274

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 Rideau
St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. for an order approving
just and reasonable rates and other charges for
electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Marika Hare
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
October 17, 2012

Background

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. ("RSL") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), received on Feb 7, 2012 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that RSL charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0274 to the application.

On March 27, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status. The Board also determined that SEC and VECC were eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

On August 9, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by RSL.

On August 30, 2012, the Board issued its Rate Order.

The Board received cost claims from SEC and VECC. SEC's cost claim was received by the Board on September 28, 2012, 22 days after the deadline set out in the Decision. Notwithstanding the late filing, the Board will accept the claim. No comments were received from RSL.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of SEC and VECC.

The Board notes that due to an error when calculating the forms, the Board has adjusted SEC's cost claim and finds that SEC is awarded a total revised claim of \$6,534.00.

The Board notes that due to an error when calculating the forms, the Board has adjusted VECC's cost claim and finds that VECC is awarded a total revised claim of \$16,908.44.

The Board finds that both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that the adjusted claims of SEC and VECC are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by RSL.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act*, 1998, RSL shall immediately pay:
 - School Energy Coalition \$6,534.00; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$16,908.44.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, RSL shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, October 17, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary