



EB-2011-0249

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 Wellington
North Power Inc. for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity
distribution to be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
November 7, 2012

Background

Wellington North Power Inc. ("WNP") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on April 13, 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 WNP charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned the application File Number EB-2011-0249.

On May 24, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe") intervenor status. The Board also determined that VECC and Energy Probe were eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

On September 20, 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 WNP.

On September 27, 2012, the Board issued its Rate Order.

The Board received cost claims from VECC and Energy Probe. On October 15, 2012, WNP filed comments stating that it has no concerns with the cost claims.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of VECC and Energy Probe. The Board notes that due to an error, the Board has adjusted VECC's cost claim and finds that VECC is awarded a total revised claim of \$17,935.52.

The Board finds that both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that Energy Probe's claim is reasonable as is the adjusted claim of VECC and shall be reimbursed by WNP.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, WNP shall immediately pay:
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$14,256.51; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$17,935.52.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, WNP shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, November 7, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary