



EB-2012-0261

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 Orillia Power
Distribution Corporation for an order or orders approving or
fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to Smart
Meter deployment, to be effective October 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Marika Hare
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
November 13, 2012

Background

Orillia Power Distribution Corporation ("Orillia") a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on May 23, 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 Orillia charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective October 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0261 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 September 20, 2012, which was subsequently corrected on October 1, 2012. The Decision and Order set out

the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by Orillia.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on October 19, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from Orillia.

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 Orillia shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Orillia shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,800.76.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Orillia shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, November 13, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary