



EB-2012-0266

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

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Marika Hare
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
November 13, 2012

Background

Waterloo North Hydro Inc. ("WNH"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on May 31, 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 WNH charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective November 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0266 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 October 4, 2012, which was subsequently corrected on October 12, 2012. The Decision and Order set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by WNH.

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

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 WNH shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, WNH shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,850.13.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, WNH 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