



EB-2012-0260

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998,
S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER an application by Festival 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

Festival Hydro Inc. ("Festival"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on May 29, 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 Festival charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective November 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0260 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, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by Festival.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on October 15, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from Festival.

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 Festival shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Festival shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,579.89.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Festival 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