



EB-2012-0263

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 Bluewater
Power Distribution Corporation 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 28, 2012

Background

Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation ("Bluewater Power"), 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 Bluewater Power charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective November 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0263 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 18, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by Bluewater Power.

On November 8, 2012, the Board issued a Rate Order.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on November 14, 2012. No comments were received from Bluewater Power.

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 Bluewater Power shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Bluewater Power shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,442.59.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Bluewater Power shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, November 28, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary