



**EB-2012-0247**

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

**AND IN THE MATTER** an application by Veridian  
Connections 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 28, 2012**

**Background**

Veridian Connections Inc. ("Veridian"), 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 Veridian charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective November 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0247 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 25, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by Veridian.

On November 15, 2012, the Board issued a Final Rate Order.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on November 5, 2012. No comments were received from Veridian.

The Board has reviewed the cost claim of VECC. 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 \$2,294.47.

The Board finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding subject to the adjustment referenced above. The Board finds that VECC's claim, adjusted as described above, is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Veridian.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Veridian shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,294.47.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Veridian shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, November xx, 2012.

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary