Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0177

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application an application by Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy

Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS December 19, 2012

Background

Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation ("Kenora Hydro"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 14, 2011 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 Kenora Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board put the application in abeyance until such time as Kenora Hydro filed evidence in support of the disposition of Account 1562 – Deferred Payments in Lieu of Taxes ("PILs"). Kenora Hydro filed the evidence related to the disposition of Account 1562 on July 18, 2012 and requested an effective date of October 1, 2012 for this element of its application. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0177 to the application.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Kenora Hydro's request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery and proposed revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on November 1, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Kenora Hydro.

On November 15, 2012, the Board issued its Rate Order.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on December 4, 2012, and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from Kenora Hydro.

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 Kenora Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Kenora Hydro shall immediately pay Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$641.83.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Kenora Hydro shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, December 19, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary