



EB-2011-0103

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 Wasaga Distribution Inc. for an order approving or
fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the
distribution of electricity to be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy
Presiding Member

Ken Quesnelle
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
December 19, 2012

Background

Wasaga Distribution Inc. ("WDI") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on June 27, 2012 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 seeking approval for changes to the rates that WDI charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0103 to the application.

On August 17, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 2, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On November 29, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by WDI.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC. On December 7, 2012, WDI filed comments stating that it had reviewed the cost claims and had no concerns or issues.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of Energy Probe and VECC.

The Board notes that due to an error when calculation the HST, the Board has corrected Energy Probe's cost claim by \$1.52. Energy Probe's total corrected claim is \$10,761.70.

The Board finds that VECC's cost claim includes travel costs that do not comply with the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The Board has therefore corrected the meal costs by \$16.09. The Board notes that VECC's corrected claim is \$13,233.89.

The Board finds that both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that the adjusted claims of Energy Probe and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by WDI.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, WDI shall immediately pay:
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$10,761.70; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$13,233.89.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, WDI 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