



EB-2011-0319

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 Espanola
Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation 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: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
December 20, 2012

Background

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation ("ERHDC") filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board on February 15, 2012. The Application was filed under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 seeking approval for changes to the rates that ERHDC charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0319 to the application.

On April 23, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1 and Order for Interim Rates, granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor and cost award eligibility.

On September 27, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by ERHDC.

The Board received a cost claim from VECC. No comments were received from ERHDC.

Board Findings

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 \$9,054.48.

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 ERHDC.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, ERHDC shall immediately pay Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$9,054.48.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, ERHDC shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, December 20, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary