



**EB-2012-0265**

**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 Brant County  
Power Inc. for an order 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**  
**December 24, 2012**

**Background**

Brant County Power Inc. ("BCP"), a licensed electricity distributor, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), on June 19, 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 BCP charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective November 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0265 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 November 8, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by BCP.

On November 29, 2012, the Board issued its Rate Order.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on December 7, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from BCP.

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 BCP shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, BCP shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,553.90.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, BCP shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, December 24, 2012

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary