



EB-2012-0289

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 Entegrus
Powerlines 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

Entegrus Powerlines Inc. ("EPI"), a licensed electricity distributor, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), on July 5, 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 EPI charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective November 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0289 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 1, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by EPI.

On November 15, 2012, the Board issued its Rate Order, which was subsequently amended on November 16, 2012.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on November 29, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from EPI.

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 EPI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, EPI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,245.10.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, EPI 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