



EB-2012-0198

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 Hydro
Hawkesbury Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing
just and reasonable distribution rates related to Smart
Meter deployment, to be effective September 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Marika Hare
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
December 24, 2012

Background

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. ("HHI"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on July 16, 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 HHI charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective September 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0198 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 HHI.

On November 16, 2012, the Board issued its Final Rate Order.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on December 3, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from HHI.

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 HHI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HHI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,751.39.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HHI 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