



EB-2012-0288

**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 Kitchener-  
Wilmot Hydro Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing  
just and reasonable distribution rates related to Smart  
Meter deployment, to be effective November 1, 2012 and  
May 1, 2013.

**BEFORE:** Ken Quesnelle  
Presiding Member

Marika Hare  
Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**  
**December 24, 2012**

**Background**

Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. ("KWHI"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on June 15, 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 KWHI charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective November 1, 2012 and May 1, 2013.

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 KWHI.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on December 3, 2012 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. On December 12, 2012, KWHI filed a letter stating that the cost claim filed by VECC was reasonable.

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 KWHI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, KWHI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,146.36.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, KWHI 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