



EB-2012-0272

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 Haldimand
County 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.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Marika Hare
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
December 24, 2012

Background

Haldimand County Hydro Inc. ("HCHI"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on July 18, 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 HCHI charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective November 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0272 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 HCHI.

On November 15, 2012, the Board issued its 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 HCHI.

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 HCHI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HCHI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,948.88.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HCHI 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