



EB-2012-0177

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 Whitby Hydro
Electric Corporation for an order or orders approving or
fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other
charges, to be effective January 1, 2013.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
January 23, 2013

Background

Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation ("Whitby Hydro"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on August 3, 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 Whitby Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2013. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0177 to the application.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Whitby Hydro's request for revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on December 6, 2012, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Whitby Hydro.

On January 3, 2013, the Board issued a Revised Rate Order.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on January 8, 2013. No comments were received from Whitby Hydro.

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 Whitby Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Whitby Hydro shall immediately pay Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$467.73.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Whitby Hydro shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, January 23, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary