



EB-2012-0348

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 St.
Thomas Energy Inc. for an order approving or fixing
just and reasonable distribution rates related to Smart
Meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
January 23, 2013

Background

St. Thomas Energy Inc. ("STEI") a licensed electricity distributor, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), on August 9, 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 STEI charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0348 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 December 13, 2012. The Decision and Order set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by STEI.

On January 3, 2013, the Board issued its Rate Order.

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

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 STEI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, STEI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,998.25.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, STEI 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