



EB-2012-0344  
EB-2012-0159

**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 Parry Sound Power Corporation for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to Smart Meter deployment, to be effective January 1, 2013;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Parry Sound Power 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**

Parry Sound Power Corporation ("Parry Sound Power"), a licensed distributor of electricity, applied to the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for permission to increase its delivery charges beginning January 1, 2013 to reflect the recovery of costs for deployed smart meters. The smart meter cost recovery application (the "Smart Meter Application") was filed on August 3, 2012 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) (the "Act"), under the Board's *Guideline G-2011-0001: Smart Meter Funding and Cost Recovery – Final Disposition*. Parry Sound Power filed a revision to the Smart Meter Application on September 6, 2012.

By way of separate application (the “IRM Application”), Parry Sound Power also applied on August 3, 2012 to change its delivery charges beginning January 1, 2013 under the Board’s Guidelines for 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation Mechanism .

Pursuant to its powers under section 21(5) of the Act, the Board combined and heard both applications at the same time. The Board assigned File Numbers EB-2012-0344 and EB-2012-0159 to the Application.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Parry Sound Power’s proposed smart meter cost recovery, revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments and its request for the removal of rate mitigation rate riders for the Residential and General Service Less Than 50 kW rate classes.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the applications on December 6, 2012. The Decision and Order set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by Parry Sound Power.

VECC’s cost claim was received by the Board on December 21, 2012. No comments were received from Parry Sound Power.

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 Parry Sound Power shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Parry Sound Power shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,047.62.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Parry Sound Power 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