



EB-2012-0121

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 Erie Thames
Powerlines Corporation for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity
distribution to be effective September 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy
Presiding Member

Cynthia Chaplin
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
January 29, 2013

Background

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation ("Erie Thames") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), received on June 26, 2012, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Erie Thames charges for electricity distribution, to be effective September 1, 2012.

On August 8, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On November 29, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Erie Thames.

On December 21, 2012, the Board issued its Rate Order.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from Erie Thames.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed Energy Probe's, SEC's and VECC's cost claims and finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that all cost claims are reasonable and Erie Thames shall reimburse Energy Probe, SEC and VECC for their costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act*, 1998, Erie Thames shall immediately pay:
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$16,252.60;
 - School Energy Coalition \$10,551.00; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$18,720.89.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, Erie Thames shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, January 29, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary