



EB-2012-0310

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 an application by Kingston Hydro 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.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
March 5, 2013

Background

Kingston Hydro Corporation (“Kingston”), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the “Application”) with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on August 24, 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 Kingston charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective January 1, 2013. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0310 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 January 10, 2013, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by Kingston.

On January 24, 2013, the Board issued its Final Rate Order.

The Board received a cost claim from VECC. No comments were received from Kingston.

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 Kingston shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Kingston shall immediately pay VECC the sum of \$2,195.73.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Kingston shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, March 5, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary