



EB-2012-0161

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
PowerStream Inc. for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity
distribution to be effective January 1, 2013.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
March 20, 2013

Background

PowerStream Inc. ("PowerStream") filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on May 28, 2012, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that PowerStream charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2013. The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0161 to the Application.

On July 6, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Consumers Council of Canada ("CCC"), Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility. By a letter dated August 14, 2012, the Board granted the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario's ("AMPCO") late intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the Application on December 21, 2012, in which it set out the process for all parties to file cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by PowerStream.

On January 31, 2013, the Board issued its Rate Order.

The Board received cost claims from AMPCO, CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No comments were received from PowerStream.

The Board has reviewed all cost claims to ensure that they are compliant with the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The Board has made adjustments to VECC's cost claim to account for the HST being incorrectly added twice to a taxi claim and for a correction made to the amount for meals charged before taxes. The adjusted cost claim is \$34,756.26.

The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that the claims of AMPCO, CCC, Energy Probe and SEC are reasonable as is the adjusted claim of VECC and that each of these claims shall be reimbursed by PowerStream.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, PowerStream shall immediately pay:
 - Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario \$8,062.55;
 - Consumers Council of Canada \$42,217.37;
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$34,913.60;
 - School Energy Coalition \$42,626.00; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$34,756.26.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, PowerStream shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, March 20, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary