



EB-2012-0123

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 Essex
Powerlines Corporation for an order or orders
approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution
rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2013.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
May 10, 2013**

Background

Essex Powerlines Corporation ("EPLC"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 12, 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 EPLC charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2012-0123.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to EPLC's request for revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on April 4, 2013, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by EPLC.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on April 24, 2013 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from EPLC.

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 EPLC shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, EPLC shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$246.86.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, EPLC shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 10, 2013.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary