



EB-2012-0129

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
Haldimand County Hydro Inc. 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

Haldimand County Hydro Inc. ("HCHI"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 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 HCHI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2012-0129.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to HCHI's request to adjust the fixed and variable charges for the Residential rate class.

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 HCHI.

On April 11, 2013, the Board issued a Rate Order, which was subsequently revised on April 16, 2013.

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 HCHI.

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 HCHI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HCHI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$197.49.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HCHI 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