Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2012-0114

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 Chapleau Public Utilities 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 21, 2013

Background

Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation ("Chapleau PUC"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on January 17, 2013 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 Chapleau PUC charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. On January 25, 2013 Chapleau PUC filed an addendum to the application. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2012-0114.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Chapleau PUC'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 Chapleau PUC.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on April 19, 2013 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from Chapleau PUC.

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 Chapleau PUC shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Chapleau PUC shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$444.34.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Chapleau PUC shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 21, 2013.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary