



**EB-2012-0150**

**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 Niagara  
Peninsula Energy 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 21, 2013**

**Background**

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. ("NPEI"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 5, 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 NPEI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2012-0150.

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

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 NPEI.

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 NPEI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NPEI 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*, NPEI 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