



**EB-2012-0178**

**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 Woodstock Hydro Services 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**

Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. (“Woodstock Hydro”), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on August 29, 2012 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), and under the Board’s *Guidelines G-2011-0001: Smart Meter Funding and Cost Recovery – Final Disposition* (the “Smart Meter Guideline”) seeking approval for changes to the rates that Woodstock Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2012-0178.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Woodstock Hydro’s request for smart meter cost recovery and 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 Woodstock Hydro.

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 Woodstock Hydro.

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 Woodstock Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

**THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Woodstock Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$1,751.39.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Woodstock Hydro 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