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



EB-2012-0151

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 Norfolk Power Distribution 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

Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. ("NPDI"), 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 NPDI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2012-0151.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to NPDI's request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery and the removal of the retail transmission services rates from its Embedded Distributor 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 NPDI.

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 NPDI.

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 NPDI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, NPDI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$740.57.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NPDI 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