



EB-2013-0018

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 Erie Thames Powerlines 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

Allison Duff
Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
May 21, 2013**

Background

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation (“Erie Thames”), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on February 1, 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 Erie Thames charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2013-0018.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Erie Thames’ request to use a different stretch factor from what it was assigned by the Board in its November 28, 2012 letter.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on April 11, 2013, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Erie Thames.

VECC's cost claim was received by the Board on April 29, 2013 and is accepted by the Board notwithstanding the late filing. No comments were received from Erie Thames.

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 Erie Thames shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Erie Thames shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$839.32.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Erie Thames 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