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



EB-2012-0168

**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 Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2013.

BEFORE: Marika Hare Presiding Member

> Emad Elsayed Member

## DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS May 22, 2013

## Background

Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. ("THI") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 8, 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 THI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2012-0168.

On December 10, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

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

On April 14, 2013, VECC requested an extension to the filing dates for the intervenor cost claims due to problems with its main server and staff availability issues. On April 16, 2013, the Board granted VECC's requested extension to April 22, 2013.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC. No comments were received from THI.

The Board has reviewed the cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC and finds that both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that the claim of Energy Probe and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by THI.

## THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, THI shall immediately pay:

•	Energy Probe Research Foundation			\$15,758.34; and
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- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$14,986.85.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, THI shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

## DATED at Toronto, May 22, 2013.

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary