



EB-2012-0166

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 St. Thomas 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 23, 2013**

Background

St. Thomas Energy Inc. ("STEI"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 26, 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 STEI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2012-0166.

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

On April 19, 2013, the Board issued its Final Rate Order.

The Board received VECC's cost claim. No comments were received from STEI.

The Board finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. VECC's claim has been subject to a minor reduction due to a calculation error in the Summary of Fees. The Board finds that the adjusted claim of VECC shall be reimbursed by STEI.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, STEI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$197.49.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, STEI shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 23, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary