



EB-2012-0440

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 Hydro
One Brampton Networks Inc. for an order or orders
approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution
rates related to Smart Meter deployment, to be
effective May 1, 2013.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
May 31, 2013

Background

Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. ("HOBNI"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on December 17, 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 HOBNI charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2012-0440.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on April 25, 2013, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by HOBNI.

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

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 HOBNI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HOBNI shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,047.62.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, HOBNI shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 31, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary