



EB-2012-0176

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

BEFORE: Paula Conboy
Presiding Member

Jerry Farrell
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
June 4, 2013

Background

Westario Power Inc. ("WPI") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 10, 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 WPI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned the application File No. EB-2012-0176.

On November 27, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") 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 WPI.

On April 14, 2013, VECC requested an extension to the filing date 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, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from WPI.

The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The claim of VECC has been subject to a minor reduction due to failure to comply with the government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*. The Board finds that the claims of Energy Probe and SEC are reasonable as is the adjusted claim of VECC and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by WPI.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

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

- Energy Probe Research Foundation \$16,980.12;
- School Energy Coalition \$9,752.00; and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$18,119.57.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, WPI shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, June 4, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli

Board Secretary