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



EB-2012-0146 EB-2012-0380

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 London Hydro Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2013.

BEFORE: Ellen Fry Presiding Member

> Marika Hare Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS June 4, 2013

Background

London Hydro Inc. ("London Hydro") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 28, 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 London Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. London Hydro also applied on September 25, 2012 to dispose of a variance account balance by means of rate riders, to be effective November 1, 2012. The Board combined the proceedings and assigned File No. EB-2012-0146/EB-2012-0380 to the proceeding.

On November 29, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the London Property Management

Association ("LPMA"), 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 London Hydro.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe, LPMA, SEC and VECC. No comments were received from London Hydro.

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

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, London Hydro shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

•	Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$21,773.29;
•	London Property Management Association	\$18,202.82;
•	School Energy Coalition	\$24,570.00; and
•	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$23,356.23.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, London Hydro 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