Ontario Energy Board

Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2012-0126

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

BEFORE: Emad Elsayed Presiding Member

# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS June 10, 2013

## Background

Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. ("Greater Sudbury") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), received on November 12, 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 Greater Sudbury charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013.

On January 8, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario ("AMPCO"), Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On May 2, 2013, the Board issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Greater Sudbury.

Cost claims were submitted by Energy Probe by the May 9, 2013 deadline specified in the Decision and Rate Order. SEC and VECC submitted their cost claims on May 10, 2013 and AMPCO on May 11, 2013. On May 13, 2013, Greater Sudbury filed a letter stating that it had no objection to the cost claims.

#### **Board Findings**

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of AMPCO, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. The Board accepts the cost claims filed by SEC, VECC and AMPCO notwithstanding the late filing.

The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The claim of AMPCO required a minor reduction. The Board finds that the claims of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are reasonable as is the adjusted claim of AMPCO and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Greater Sudbury.

## THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

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

•	Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario	\$6,065.28;
•	Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$13,187.53;
٠	School Energy Coalition	\$8,024.00; and
•	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$17,686.47.

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

DATED at Toronto, June 10, 2013.

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary