



EB-2012-0100
EB-2012-0211

IN THE MATTER OF subsections 78(2.1), (3.0.1), (3.0.2) and (3.0.3) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*;

AND IN THE MATTER OF subsection 53.8(8) of the *Electricity Act, 1998*;

AND IN THE MATTER OF Ontario Regulation 453/06 made under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by the Independent Electricity System Operator as Smart Metering Entity for an Order fixing a Smart Metering Charge for July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2017; and

AND IN THE MATTER OF a proceeding on the Ontario Energy Board's own motion to review the options for and ultimately determine the appropriate allocation and recovery of the Smart Metering Charge pursuant to section 19 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
June 11, 2013

Background

On March 28, 2007, the Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”) was designated as the Smart Metering Entity (the “SME”) by Ontario Regulation 393/07 made under the *Electricity Act, 1998*. In its role as the SME, the IESO is managing the development of the meter data management/repository (“MDM/R”) to collect, manage, store and retrieve information related to the metering of customers’ use of electricity in Ontario.

On March 23, 2012 the SME applied to the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) for approval of a Smart Metering Entity charge (“SME charge”) of \$0.806 per Residential and General Service <50kW customer per month which the SME proposed to collect from all licensed electricity distributors (“Distributors”) for the period July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2017.

The SME also sought an annual automatic adjustment mechanism to update the billing determinant with the annual changes in the number of Residential and General Service <50kW Customers listed in the Board’s Electricity Distributor Handbook; a variance account to deal with changes in the SME costs, or any revenue surplus; and approval of the Smart Metering Agreement for Distributors for use by the SME and Distributors (the “Agreement”). The Board assigned File No. EB-2012-0100 to the application.

Pursuant to section 19 of the Act, the Board commenced a proceeding on its own motion to review the options for and to ultimately determine the appropriate allocation and recovery of the SMC. The Board assigned File No. EB-2012-0211 to that proceeding.

Pursuant to its powers under section 21(5) of the Act, the Board combined the hearing of the SME application for the SMC with the Board’s proceeding on its own motion to determine the appropriate allocation and recovery of the SMC (the “Combined Proceeding”).

On June 22, 2012, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 Decision on Cost Eligibility, granting the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (“AMPCO”); Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto (“BOMA”); Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”); Consumers Council of Canada (“CCC”); Energy Probe Research

Foundation (“Energy Probe”); School Energy Coalition (“SEC”); and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On March 28, 2013, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by the IESO.

Cost claims were submitted by AMPCO, CME, CCC, Energy Probe and SEC by the May 21, 2013 deadline specified in the Decision and Order. VECC submitted its cost claim on May 25, 2013. By an email dated June 4, 2013, BOMA stated that it will not submit a cost claim. No comments were received from the IESO.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of AMPCO, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. The Board accepts the cost claim filed by VECC 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 Board finds that all the claims are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by the IESO.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

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

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario \$8,869.86;
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters \$12,820.15;
- Consumers Council of Canada \$20,144.46;
- Energy Probe Research Foundation \$14,203.98;
- School Energy Coalition \$14,538.00; and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$11,819.28.

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

DATED at Toronto, June 11, 2013.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary