



EB-2011-0099

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 E.L.K. Energy Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective October 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy
Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
June 18, 2013

Background

E.L.K. Energy Inc. (“E.L.K.”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on October 24, 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 E.L.K. charges for electricity distribution, to be effective October 1, 2012.

On December 17, 2012, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 2, 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 which included, among other things, the process for eligible intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by E.L.K.

Cost claims were submitted by Energy Probe by the May 9, 2013 deadline specified in the Decision and Rate Order. The Board received cost claims from AMPCO, SEC and VECC the following day. No objections were received from E.L.K.

Board Findings

The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The claims of AMPCO, Energy Probe and VECC require minor reductions due to lack of receipt and error calculation. The Board finds that the claim of SEC is reasonable as are the adjusted claims of AMPCO, Energy Probe and VECC and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by E.L.K.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, E.L.K. shall immediately pay:
 - Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario \$7,353.48;
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$14,110.27;
 - School Energy Coalition \$16,632.00; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$17,271.57.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, E.L.K. shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, June 18, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary