



EB-2012-0104

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 Algoma Power Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective January 1, 2013.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
June 20, 2013

Background

Algoma Power Inc. ("API"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 22, 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 API charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2013.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to API's request for smart meter recovery.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on March 28, 2013, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by API.

On April 25, 2013, the Board issued its Rate Order.

The Board received VECC's cost claim. No comments were received from API.

The Board has reviewed VECC's cost claim and finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and API shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, API shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition the sum of \$2,047.62.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, API shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, June 19, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary