



EB-2012-0167

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 Thunder
Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. for an order
approving just and reasonable rates and other charges
for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2013.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin
Presiding Member and Vice Chair

Ellen Fry
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
June 24, 2013

Background

Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. ("Thunder Bay Hydro") filed an application with the Board on November 9, 2012 under section 78 of the Act, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Thunder Bay Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013.

On January 9, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Association of Major Power Consumers in 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.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on April 18, 2013, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Thunder Bay Hydro.

The Board received cost claims from AMPCO, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No comments were received from Thunder Bay Hydro.

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 each require a minor reduction for the following reasons: calculation error and failure to comply with the government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*. The Board finds that the claim of SEC and the adjusted claims of AMPCO, Energy Probe and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Thunder Bay Hydro.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

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

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario \$6,548.35;
- Energy Probe Research Foundation \$15,417.84;
- School Energy Coalition \$9,690.00; and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$19,804.30.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Thunder Bay 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 24, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary