



EB-2012-0479

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 Whitby Hydro
Electric Corporation for an order or orders approving or
fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to Smart
Meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2013.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

June 25, 2013

Background

Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation ("WHEC"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on December 27, 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 WHEC charges for electricity distribution in relation to smart meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2013.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the Application on April 25, 2013, which was subsequently corrected on May 6, 2013. The Decision and Order set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by WHEC.

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

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 WHEC shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, WHEC shall immediately pay VECC the sum of \$1,948.87.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, WHEC shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, June 25, 2013.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by:

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary