



EB-2012-0153

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 Northern
Ontario Wires Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and
reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of
electricity to be effective May 1, 2013.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy
Presiding Member

Jerry Farrell
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
August 20, 2013

Background

Northern Ontario Wires Inc. ("NOW") filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on December 18, 2012 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 seeking approval for changes to the rates that NOW charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2013.

On February 1, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario ("AMPCO"), School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On June 27, 2013, the Board issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by NOW.

The due date to submit cost claims was July 4, 2013. VECC submitted its cost claim on July 5, 2013, AMPCO and SEC on July 15, 2013. NOW did not file any objections to the claims.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of AMPCO, SEC and VECC and will accept the claims 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 claim of VECC requires a minor reduction to comply with the government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*. The Board finds that the claims of AMPCO and SEC and the adjusted claim of VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by NOW.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, NOW shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario \$8,253.78;
 - School Energy Coalition \$11,271.00; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$19,806.78.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, NOW shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, August 20, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary