



EB-2012-0162

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 PUC
Distribution Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and
reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of
electricity to be effective July 1, 2013.

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Jerry Farrell
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
September 05, 2013

Background

PUC Distribution Inc. ("PUC") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on December 5, 2012 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 seeking approval for changes to the rates that PUC charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2013.

On January 18, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the 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 July 4, 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 PUC.

A cost claim was submitted by Energy Probe by the July 11, 2013 deadline specified in the Decision and Rate Order. VECC submitted its cost claim on July 12, 2013 and SEC on July 15, 2013. No comments were received from PUC.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. The Board accepts the cost claims filed by SEC and VECC 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 Energy Probe requires a minor reduction due to a calculation error. The Board finds that the claims of SEC and VECC and the adjusted claim of Energy Probe are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by PUC.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, PUC shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$15,476.56;
 - School Energy Coalition \$20,428.00; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$20,551.23.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, PUC shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, September 05, 2013.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary