



EB-2013-0141

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 Hydro One
Networks Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable
rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be
effective January 1, 2014.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Marika Hare
Member

Allison Duff
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
November 25, 2013

Background

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on April 26, 2013 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 Hydro One charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2014.

On June 27, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Consumers Council of Canada ("CCC"), the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters ("CME"),

Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (“FOCA”), the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (“OFA”), the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (“OSEA”), the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”), the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) and Mr. Howard I. Blatt intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On September 26, 2013, the Board issued its Partial Decision and Procedural Order No. 3, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Hydro One to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Hydro One.

In response to the Board’s Order, OSEA, CME, SEC and VECC filed cost claims. CCC, Energy Probe, FOCA, OFA and Mr. Blatt did not submit cost claims.

On October 22, 2013, Hydro One filed its response to the cost claims filed and stated that it had no objections to the cost claims from OSEA, CME and SEC. Hydro One did not comment on the cost claim filed by VECC.

Board Findings

The Board finds that the parties that have filed cost claims are eligible for 100% of the incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that all the claims are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Hydro One.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act*, 1998, Hydro One shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters \$7,109.96;
 - Ontario Sustainable Energy Association \$6,663.12;
 - School Energy Coalition \$5,236.00; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$9,150.25.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, November 25, 2013.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary