



EB-2013-0143

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
Ottawa Limited for an order approving just and reasonable
rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be
effective January 1, 2014.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Allison Duff
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
January 23, 2014

Background

Hydro Ottawa Limited ("Hydro Ottawa") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on August 16, 2013 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (the "Act") seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro Ottawa charges for electricity distribution, effective January 1, 2014 (the "Application").

On September 30, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On December 5, 2013, the Board issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Hydro Ottawa to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Hydro Ottawa.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC. No objections were received from Hydro Ottawa.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of Energy Probe and VECC and finds that both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that the claims of Energy Probe and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Hydro Ottawa.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro Ottawa shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$1,653.41; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$1,195.31.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro Ottawa shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, January 23, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary