



EB-2013-0139

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 Hawkesbury Inc. for an order approving rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity to be effective January 1, 2014.

BEFORE: Ellen Fry
Presiding Member

Allison Duff
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
April 10, 2014

Background

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. (“Hydro Hawkesbury”) has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (“the Board”) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval for the rates and other charges that Hydro Hawkesbury charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2014.

On September 24, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On January 30, 2014, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for VECC to file their cost claim, for Hydro Hawkesbury to object to the claim and for VECC to respond to any objections raised by Hydro Hawkesbury.

On March 20, 2014, the Board issued its Rate Order.

The Board received VECC's cost claim. No objections were received from Hydro Hawkesbury.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claim of VECC and finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of the incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Hydro Hawkesbury.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro Hawkesbury shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$11,471.18.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro Hawkesbury shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, April 10, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary