



EB-2013-0166

**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 PowerStream Inc. 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**  
**April 17, 2014**

**Background**

PowerStream Inc. ("PowerStream") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 6, 2012 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 PowerStream charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2014.

On November 1, 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 with respect to PowerStream's request for an Incremental Capital Module, Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism and Smart Grid Costs Disposition Rate Riders.

On February 20, 2014, the Board issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for PowerStream to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by PowerStream.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. On March 6, 2014, PowerStream filed its response to the cost claims filed and stated that it had no objections to the cost claims.

## Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC and 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 to comply with the government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*. 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 PowerStream.

## THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, PowerStream shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
  - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$5,296.78;
  - School Energy Coalition \$9,999.00; and
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$6,538.86.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, PowerStream shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 17, 2014

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary