



EB-2013-0128

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 Essex
Powerlines Corporation for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity
distribution to be effective May 1, 2014.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Allison Duff
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

April 24, 2014

Background

Essex Powerlines Corporation (“Essex”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on September 27, 2013 under section 78 of *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Essex charges for electricity distribution, effective May 1, 2014.

On December 17, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) intervenor status and cost award eligibility with respect to Essex’s proposed recovery of revenue losses due to conservation programs.

On March 13, 2014, the Board issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim, for Essex to object to the claims and for VECC to respond to any objections raised by Essex.

The Board received a cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from Essex.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed VECC's cost claim and finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Essex.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Essex shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$776.95.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Essex shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, April 24, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary