



EB-2013-0157

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 North Bay
Hydro Distribution Limited 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
May 1, 2014

Background

North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited ("North Bay Hydro") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on August 30, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that North Bay Hydro charges for electricity distribution, effective May 1, 2014.

On October 1, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility with respect to North Bay Hydro's proposed smart meter cost recovery. Mr. Donald D. Rennick was also granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility however he was

limited to recovery of out-of-pocket costs for photocopying or for travel to attend Board related events if required.

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

On March 6, 2014, the Board issued its Revised Rate Order.

The Board received a cost claim from VECC. Mr. Rennick did not submit a cost claim. No objection was received from North Bay Hydro.

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 North Bay Hydro.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, North Bay Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2,211.16.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, North Bay Hydro shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 1, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary