Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2013-0178

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 Wellington North Power Inc. 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 7, 2014

Background

Wellington North Power Inc. ("Wellington North") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 26, 2013 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Wellington North charges for electricity distribution, effective May 1, 2014.

On October 31, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe") intervenor status and cost award eligibility with respect to Wellington North's request for an Incremental Capital Module.

On March 13, 2014, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for VECC and Energy Probe to file their cost claims, for Wellington North to object to the claims and for VECC and Energy Probe to respond to any objections raised by Wellington North.

On April 16, 2014, the Board issued its Rate Order.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC. No objection was received from Wellington North.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed Energy Probe's and VECC's cost claims and finds that both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that both claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Wellington North.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Wellington North shall immediately pay:

Energy Probe Research Foundation \$2,279.10; and
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2,094.29.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Wellington North shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 7, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary