



EB-2013-0127

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 Espanola
Regional Hydro Distribution 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
May 8, 2014

Background

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation ("Espanola Hydro") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 18, 2013 under section 78 of the Act, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Espanola Hydro charges for electricity distribution, effective May 1, 2014.

On November 22, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility in relation to Espanola Hydro's proposed incremental capital module and lost revenue due to conservation programs.

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

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

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Espanola Hydro shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition: \$2,699.33.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Espanola 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 8, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary