



EB-2013-0134

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 Haldimand
County Hydro Inc. for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity
distribution to be effective May 1, 2014.

BEFORE: Christine Long
Presiding Member

Jerry Farrell
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
May 30, 2014

Background

Haldimand County Hydro Inc. ("HCHI") filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 15, 2013 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 HCHI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2014.

On January 10, 2014, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On April 16, 2014, the Board issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claim and to respond to any objections raised by HCHI.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC. No objections were received from HCHI.

Board Findings

The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board notes that the claim of Energy Probe requires a minor reduction due to an error in the calculation of the HST. The Board notes that the claim of VECC requires a reduction to comply with the government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive* due to the lack of a detailed receipt. The Board finds that the adjusted claims of Energy Probe and VECC are reasonable and that each of these claims shall be reimbursed by HCHI.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, HCHI shall immediately pay:
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$12,237.01; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$14,277.18.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, HCHI shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, May 30, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary