



EB-2013-0116

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 Cambridge
and North Dumfries 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

Cathy Spoel
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
November 10, 2014

Background

Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc. (“CND”) filed a complete cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on October 28, 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 CND charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2014.

On December 16, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On September 11, 2014, the Board issued its Decision and Rate Order. On September 12, 2014, an email was sent setting out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for CND to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by CND.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from CND.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of Energy Probe, SEC and VECC.

The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The claim of Energy Probe requires a minor reduction due to a calculation error in the forms. The claim of VECC also requires a reduction of \$537.22 to comply with the government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*. The Board finds that the claims of SEC and the adjusted claims of Energy Probe and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by CND.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, CND shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$31,209.16;
 - School Energy Coalition \$24,275.79; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$29,915.79
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, CND shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, November 10, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary