



EB-2014-0162

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 Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. for an order, approving the recovery of certain amounts related to the restoration of electricity service in the Town of Milton due to an ice storm in December 2013, to be effective November 1, 2014 for 18 months.

BEFORE: Christine Long
Presiding Member

Allison Duff
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
December 10, 2014

Background

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. ("Milton Hydro") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on April 16, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for the recovery of certain amounts related to the restoration of electricity service in the Town of Milton due to an ice storm in December 2013.

On June 17, 2014, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 2, granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On October 16, 2014, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Milton Hydro to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Milton Hydro.

On October 30, 2014, the Board issued its Final Rate Order.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC. On November 17, 2014, Milton Hydro filed its response indicating that it had no objections to the cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of Energy Probe and VECC and finds that the parties that have filed cost claims are eligible for 100% of the incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that both claims are reasonable and both claims shall be reimbursed by Milton Hydro.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Milton Hydro shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$3,601.83; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$4,055.22.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Milton Hydro shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, December 10, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary