Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2014-0061

**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 Canadian Niagara Power Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2015.

BEFORE: Marika Hare Presiding Member

> Allison Duff Member

## DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS January 21, 2015

## Background

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (CNPI) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on August 13, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998* seeking approval for changes to the rates that CNPI charges for electricity distribution, effective January 1, 2015.

On September 24, 2014, the Board issued its Procedural Order #1 granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to CNPI's request to clear a variance account balance.

The Board issued its Decision and Rate Order on the application on December 4, 2014, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by CNPI.

The Board received the cost claim from VECC. No comment was received from CNPI.

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 CNPI shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

## THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, CNPI shall immediately pay VECC the sum of \$896.48.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, CNPI shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, January 21, 2015

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary