



EB-2014-0272

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 Veridian
Connections Inc. for an order approving the recovery of
certain amounts related to the restoration of electricity
service in the service areas of Ajax, Pickering, Clarington
and Port Hope due to an ice storm in December 2013, to
be effective May 1, 2015 for 24 months.

BEFORE: Christine Long
Presiding Member

Allison Duff
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
April 9, 2015

Background

Veridian Connections Inc. (Veridian) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the OEB) on August 22, 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 service areas of Ajax, Pickering, Clarington and Port Hope due to an ice storm in December 2013.

On October 7, 2014, the OEB issued 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 February 19, 2015, the OEB issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Veridian to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Veridian.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC. Veridian did not file any objection.

Board Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims of Energy Probe and VECC. The OEB finds that these parties that have filed cost claims are eligible for 100% of the incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that all the claims are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Veridian.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Veridian shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$1,743.94
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$1,434.37
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Veridian shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, April 9, 2015
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary