



EB-2014-0071

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 Espanola
Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation for an order
approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for
electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2015.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Allison Duff
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

April 22, 2015

Background

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation (Espanola Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 10, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Espanola Hydro charges for electricity distribution, effective May 1, 2015.

On November 25, 2014, the OEB issued its Procedural Order No.1 granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility in relation to Espanola Hydro's request for an adjustment to its base rates given its earnings in the prior year.

The OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order on the application on March 19, 2015, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Espanola Hydro.

The OEB received the cost claim from VECC. No comment was received from Espanola Hydro.

The OEB 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 OEB finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and Espanola Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Espanola Hydro shall immediately pay the VECC the sum of \$1,075.78.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Espanola Hydro shall pay the OEB's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, April 22, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary