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



EB-2014-0079

**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 Halton Hills Hydro Inc. 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 23, 2015

## Background

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. (Halton Hills Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 20, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998,* seeking approval for changes to the rates that Halton Hills Hydro charges for electricity distribution, effective May 1, 2015.

On December 9, 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 Halton Hills 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 Halton Hills Hydro.

The OEB received the cost claim from VECC. No comment was received from Halton Hills 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 Halton Hills Hydro shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

## THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Halton Hills Hydro shall immediately pay the VECC the sum of \$956.25.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Halton Hills 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 23, 2015

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary