## Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2007-0710

**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 Oshawa PUCNetworks Inc. for an order or orders approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2008.

**BEFORE:** Paul Vlahos

**Presiding Member** 

Bill Rupert Member

## **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

## Background

On October 4, 2007, Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. ("OPUCN") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2008.

The Association of Major Power Consumers In Ontario ("AMPCO"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") received intervenor status and were deemed eligible to apply for an award of costs.

The Board issued its Decision on the application on March 19, 2008, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims by April 14, 2008 and to respond to any objections raised by OPUCN by May 5, 2008.

The Board received cost claims from AMPCO and VECC on April 14, 2008. SEC filed its claim on May 14, 2008 and then filed a revised claim on May 28, 2008. By letter dated May 30, 2008, OPUCN advised that it accepts the filed cost claims.

The Board has also adjusted the cost claim of SEC to appropriately reflect the correct tariff for their counsel (0 - 5) years of experience, rather than 6 - 10 years).

The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that each party's claims, except for SEC adjusted as described, are reasonable and should be reimbursed by OPUCN.

## THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, OPUCN shall immediately pay AMPCO its cost equal to \$8,186.63.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, OPUCN shall immediately pay SEC its cost equal to \$6,711.50.
- 3. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, OPUCN shall immediately pay VECC its cost equal to \$7,306.37.
- 4. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, OPUCN shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, June 12, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary