



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2015-0086

LAKELAND POWER DISTRIBUTION LTD.

Application for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2016.

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Member

Victoria Christie
Member

January 25, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Lakeland Power Distribution Inc. (Lakeland Power) filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 17, 2015 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) and under the OEB's Filing Requirements for Incentive Regulation Rate Applications is seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2016 for the Parry Sound service area and May 1, 2016 for the Lakeland service area.

The OEB granted the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility in relation to Lakeland Power's request to mitigate the impact of the shift to fixed rates.

On December 10, 2015, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim, for Lakeland Power to object to the claim and for VECC to respond to any objection raised by Lakeland Power.

The OEB received the cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from Lakeland Power.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed VECC's cost claim and finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred cost of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and Lakeland Power shall reimburse VECC for its costs.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Lakeland Power shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$1,383.64.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Lakeland Power shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto January 25, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary