



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2014-0080

**HEARST POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY
LTD.**

Application for Electricity Distribution Rates

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

March 16, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Hearst Power Distribution Company Ltd. (Hearst Power) filed a complete cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on June 8, 2015 under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hearst Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective November 1, 2015.

The OEB granted the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On January 21, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for VECC to file its cost claim, for Hearst Power to object to the claim and for VECC to respond to any objection raised by Hearst Power.

The OEB received the cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from Hearst 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 Hearst 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*, Hearst Power shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$20,424.21.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hearst Power shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto March 16, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary