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IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998,
S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF applications by Brantford Power Inc., Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc., Hearst Power Distribution Inc., Hydro One Networks Inc., and Milton Hydro Distribution Inc., pursuant to section 78, of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B) seeking approval to amend electricity rates.

BEFORE: Paul Sommerville
Presiding Member

Paul Vlahos
Member

Ken Quesnelle
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

Brantford Power Inc., Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc., Hearst Power Distribution Inc., Hydro One Networks Inc., and Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. (“the Applicants”) each 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, 2007. Each case was separate in nature and this was not a combined proceeding.

One or both of 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 in some or all of these applications.

The Board issued its Decisions on the applications over the course of various dates in April 2007, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by the Applicants.

The Board received cost claims from either or both SEC and VECC.

On May 17, 2007, the Board received a letter from Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc. indicating that it had no objection to the claims of SEC and VECC. No comments were received from Brantford Power Inc., Hearst Power Distribution Inc., Hydro One Networks Inc. and Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. For convenience the Board has consolidated the cost claims into one Decision and Order on Cost Awards.

The Board adjusted the cost claim from VECC on the Brantford Power Inc. application to appropriately reflect the correct tariff for counsel. VECC applied an incorrect tariff for its counsel (i.e., the claim for counsel was placed in the 6 to 10 year category when it should have properly been placed in the 0 to 5 year category). The Board finds that all other cost claims are reasonable.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Brantford Power Inc. shall immediately pay:
 - SEC its claimed costs equal to \$4,509.80; and
 - VECC its adjusted claimed costs equal to \$1,172.30.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc. shall immediately pay:
 - SEC its claimed costs equal to \$3,689.55; and
 - VECC its claimed costs equal to \$1,092.47.

3. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hearst Power Distribution Inc. shall immediately pay:
 - VECC its claimed costs equal to \$702.98.

4. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One Networks Inc. shall immediately pay:
 - SEC its claimed costs equal to \$1,778.40; and
 - VECC its claimed costs equal to \$876.18.

5. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. shall immediately pay:
 - VECC its claimed costs equal to \$1,741.37.

6. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the Applicants shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, August 6, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary