



EB-2007-0762

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 Rideau
St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. for an order approving
or fixing just and reasonable rates and other
charges for the distribution of electricity to be
effective May 1, 2008.

BEFORE: Gordon Kaiser
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Cynthia Chaplin
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. ("RSL") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on November 22, 2007, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that it charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2008.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") received intervenor status and were deemed eligible to apply for an award of costs.

The Board issued its Decision on the application on May 6, 2008, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by RSL.

The Board received cost claims from VECC and SEC. On June 6, 2008, RSL sent a response to SEC's cost claim and requested SEC to comment on the statement of hours charged for Counsel John De Vellis. On June 10, 2008, SEC submitted a revised cost claim.

The Board finds that both VECC and SEC are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that each party's claims are reasonable and both should be reimbursed by RSL.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, RSL shall immediately pay :
 - VECC \$6,115.80; and
 - SEC \$6,272.25.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, RSL shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, August 12, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary