



EB-2012-0137

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 Hydro
One Remote Communities Inc. for an order or orders
approving or fixing just and reasonable electricity
rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2013.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy
Presiding Member

Cynthia Chaplin
Vice-Chair and Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
December 12, 2013

Background

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. ("Remotes") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 17, 2012 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 Remotes charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned File No. EB-2012-0137 to the proceeding.

On February 28, 2013, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting Cat Lake First Nation ("CLFN"), Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), Nishnawbe Aski Nation ("NAN"), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on August 22, 2013, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Remotes.

The Board received cost claims from CLFN, Energy Probe, NAN and VECC. Remotes provided correspondence on October 15, 2013 stating that it had no objection to the claims filed by CLFN, Energy Probe and VECC. It wrote on October 21, 2013 requesting that the Board ensure that the NAN's claim is just and reasonable.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed all the cost claims.

Cat Lake First Nation

The claim of CLFN requires a reduction to comply with the government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive* due to lack of receipts. The Board has therefore made an adjustment to reduce the disbursements by \$2,376.20.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation

NAN claimed 84.30 hours of preparation. The Board notes that 4.5 hours (September 10, 11 and 13) were used to prepare a Motion to Review [EB-2013-0331] the Remotes rate Decision. The Board will therefore reduce NAN's cost claim by 4.5 hours. The Board finds that the claims of Energy Probe, VECC and the adjusted claims of CLFN and NAN are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

• Cat Lake First Nation	\$13,988.53
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$ 9,054.61
• Nishnawbe Aski Nation	\$30,225.64
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$16,249.04

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. shall pay the Board's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, December 12, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary