



EB-2008-0244

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 PowerStream
Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and
reasonable distribution rates and other charges, effective
May 1, 2009.

BEFORE: Gordon Kaiser
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

Paul Vlahos
Member

INTERIM RATE ORDER

PowerStream Inc. ("PowerStream") is a licensed distributor providing electrical service to consumers within its defined service area. On October 10, 2008, PowerStream filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the distribution of electricity and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2009. The Board assigned file number EB-2008-0244 to the Application.

Procedural Order No. 1 in this proceeding was issued on March 3, 2009, declaring that the Board would proceed by way of an oral hearing, approving the intervention list and cost eligibility of the intervenors and setting the dates for an Issues Conference and Issues Day. The Issues Conference was held on March 9, 2009, and parties agreed on a Proposed Issues List. Despite arriving at an agreed-to Proposed Issues List, parties

requested that an Issues Day be held before the Board Panel so that submissions could be made on the scope of the preamble to the Proposed Issues List. An Issues Day was held on March 12, 2009 and parties made submissions on the preamble and other items.

In the application (Exhibit A1/Tab 2/Schedule1) PowerStream requested that rates be made interim, effective May 1, 2009.

The Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 on March 13, 2009, which included the approved Issues list and a draft Interim Rate Order. Parties were given the opportunity to comment on the interim order. No comments were received from intervenors. PowerStream replied that it was satisfied with the draft rate order.

As the processing of PowerStream's application is not yet concluded, and pending the issuance of final rates for 2009, the Board declares the current rates interim effective May 1, 2009.

In declaring PowerStream's rates interim, the Board emphasizes that this interim order should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the final determination of this Application.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

The currently approved rates of PowerStream Inc. are declared interim as of May 1, 2009 and until such time as a final rate order is issued by the Board.

DATED at Toronto, March 31, 2009

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

John Pickernell
Assistant Board Secretary