



EB-2012-0104

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 Algoma Power Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2013.

ORDER FOR INTERIM RATES

Algoma Power Inc. (“Algoma”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on October 22, 2012 (the “Application”) for permission to change its delivery charges beginning January 1, 2013. The Application was filed under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), under the Board’s guidelines for 3rd Generation Incentive Regulation Mechanism which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates between cost of service applications. The proposed rates include the impact of the Rural and Remote Rate Protection funding, pursuant to Ontario Regulation 442/01. The Application also includes a request for recovery of the costs for smart meter installations.

The Board issued the Notice of Application and Hearing on November 21, 2012.

On December 11, 2012, Algoma filed a letter requesting that the Board make Algoma’s existing rates interim on December 31, 2012, in the event that the Board is unable to issue its Decision and Order in time for the new rates to be implemented on January 1, 2013.

The Board will grant the request and emphasizes that this order for interim rates should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the final determination of this current application.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The currently approved rates of Algoma Power Inc. are declared interim as of January 1, 2013 and until such time as a final rate order is issued by the Board.

DATED December 13, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary