



EB-2012-0173

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 Welland Hydro-
Electric System Corp. for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution
to be effective May 1, 2013.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. ("Welland Hydro") filed a complete application ("the Application") with the Ontario Energy Board ("the Board") on October 9, 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 Welland Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned the application File Number EB-2012-0173.

The Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 dated November 12, 2012 in which the Board established dates for the filing of written interrogatories and responses.

In correspondence dated December 18, 2012, Welland Hydro requested an extension of the date to file responses to interrogatories. The Board issued Procedural Order #2 dated December 20, 2012 granting Welland Hydro an extension to the date to file its interrogatory responses to December 31, 2012. Welland Hydro's interrogatory responses were filed December 24, 2012.

After reviewing the responses to the interrogatories, the Board has decided that provision should be made for further written interrogatories for the purpose only of clarifying the information provided in some of the responses filed by Welland Hydro. The Board has also decided that it will provide for a settlement conference for the purpose of settling the issues in this proceeding.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Intervenors and Board staff who wish to ask questions that relate to the existing interrogatory responses filed by Welland Hydro shall file written supplemental interrogatories with the Board and deliver a copy to Welland Hydro on or before **January 17, 2013**. Where possible, the questions should reference the existing response and the pre-filed evidence.
2. Welland Hydro shall file with the Board complete responses to the supplemental interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors no later than **January 31, 2013**.
3. A Settlement Conference will be convened on **February 4, 2013** starting at 9:30 a.m., in the **West Hearing Room** at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto, with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. If necessary, the Settlement Conference will continue on **February 5, 2013**.
4. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board no later than **February 19, 2013**. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the Settlement Proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues, identifying those issues that the parties believe must be dealt with by way of oral or written hearing.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2012-0173, be made through the Board's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Martha McOuat at martha.mcouat@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at luba.djudjevic@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, January 10, 2013

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