

Ontario Energy Board

Commission de l'énergie
de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0140

IN THE MATTER OF sections 70 and 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998*, S.O.1998, c.15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF a Board-initiated proceeding to designate an electricity transmitter to undertake development work for a new electricity transmission line between Northeast and Northwest Ontario: the East-West Tie Line.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 7

April 29, 2013

Background

The Ontario Energy Board initiated a proceeding to designate an electricity transmitter to undertake development work for a new electricity transmission line between Northeast and Northwest Ontario: the East-West Tie Line. During the two phases of the proceeding, the Board made rulings regarding procedure and issued six procedural orders. In Procedural Order #6, the Board set dates for the filing of written submissions from all parties, and made provision for representatives of interests local to the East-West Tie line to make oral presentations to the Board in Thunder Bay.

Requests from Counsel to Métis Nation of Ontario

The Board received a letter dated April 26, 2013 from counsel to the Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") who requested that the date for the filing of written submissions by non-applicant intervenors be extended from May 6 to May 9, 2013, and that counsel

for MNO be given the opportunity to provide oral argument to the Board in relation to MNO's written submissions.

The Board will grant the request to extend the date for submissions from non-applicant intervenors to May 9, 2013. The transcribed oral sessions in Thunder Bay will be completed on Friday May 3, and non-applicant intervenor submissions were due the following Monday, May 6. The Board accepts that some non-applicant intervenors may wish to incorporate relevant information provided in Thunder Bay into their written submissions. The Board will also extend the time period for the filing of reply argument by the applicants by three days to June 3, 2013.

The Board will not make provision for oral argument by MNO's counsel in addition to the receipt of MNO's written argument. The Board in this competitive proceeding must be vigilant to ensure that the process remains fair and is not unduly burdensome to applicants for designation. The written hearing process was chosen to promote the aims of fairness and efficiency. The oral sessions in Thunder Bay were added to the written process to facilitate presentations from local interests. MNO has provided no compelling reasons why its submissions cannot adequately be made in writing. The Board is of the view that the submissions on law and policy described in MNO's letter can be adequately provided for the Board's assistance in writing.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Any non-applicant intervenor that wishes to file a submission shall file it with the Board and copy it to all parties on or before **May 9, 2013**.
2. Any applicant that wishes to file a reply argument shall file that submission with the Board and copy it to all parties on or before **June 3, 2013**.
3. The dates in Procedural Order #6 relating to the oral sessions in Thunder Bay remain unchanged.

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DATED at Toronto, April 29, 2013
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