Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2008-0187

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 Networks Inc. for an order or orders approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2009.

PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 2

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), received on November 7, 2008, 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 Hydro One charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2009. The application was filed under the Board's guidelines for 3rd Generation Incentive Regulation ("IR"), which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to rates between cost of service applications. In addition to the formulaic adjustment to rates, Hydro One is also seeking approval for incremental capital investment.

The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2008-0187. The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated December 12, 2008.

The Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 on February 3, 2009. As part of Procedural Order No. 1, the Board ordered that interrogatories from parties and Board staff to be filed by February 23, 2009. Responses from the Applicant were due no later than March 9, 2009.

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In Procedural Order No. 1 the Board noted that this application can be decided by way of written hearing but the Board may make provision for an oral component at a later date to address any issues that it feels may benefit from an oral component. The Board has determined that there would be benefit from proceeding with an oral hearing. Hydro One will be expected to produce a witness panel in support of its application.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

An oral hearing will be convened from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday March 26, 2009, and from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday March 27, 2009. The hearing will be held at the Board's offices at 2300 Yonge Street on the 25th floor.

All filings to the Board must quote file number EB-2008-0187, be made through the Board's web portal at <u>www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>, 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. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <u>www.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>. If the web portal is not available you may e-mail your document to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD or diskette 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.

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DATED at Toronto, March 12, 2009

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