Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'Énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2009-0069

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Sched. B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited for an order or orders approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2009;

## NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited ("Toronto" or the "Company") filed an application, dated March 16, 2009 (the "Application"), with the Ontario Energy Board (the Board") under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998*, c.15, Schedule B (the "Act") for approval of a draft rate order that would give effect to new rates as of May 1, 2009. Toronto also included with this Application two other applications, both requesting approval of deferral account dispositions commencing May 1, 2009. The first deferral account disposition request relates to expired rate rider excess revenues and the second to amounts related to 2006 and 2007 smart meters.

The Application included customer bill impacts which show the combined impact of the increased distribution rates and the customer credits arising from the disposition of the deferral accounts. The impact on a typical residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month is a bill increase of \$1.11 or about 1% on the customer's total bill.

The Board has determined that it will combine these three applications into one under its authority to consolidate proceedings as prescribed in subsection 21 (5) of the Act. The Board has assigned file number EB-2009-0069 to the Application.

The Board has decided that it will proceed by way of an oral hearing where the parties will come prepared to make submissions on the Application.

For the purposes of this proceeding, the Board will adopt the list of intervenors approved in the most recent Toronto main rates hearing for 2008 and 2009 rates (Board File No. EB-2007-0680). The List of Intervenors is attached as Appendix "A" to this order. Parties deemed eligible for an award for costs in the EB-2007-0680 proceeding shall also be eligible to claim an award of costs in this proceeding. Cost award requests shall be submitted in accordance with the schedule outlined below.

# THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Parties that wish information and material from the Company that is in addition to the evidence already filed, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to the Company on or before Tuesday, March 24, 2009.
- 2. The Company shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the parties no later than Monday, March 30, 2009.
- 3. The oral hearing will commence in the Board's hearing room on Friday, April 3, 2009 at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto at 9:30 a.m.

# **COST AWARDS**

- 4. Parties that were eligible for costs in the EB-2007-0680 proceeding shall submit any claims for costs within ten (10) days of the Board's rate order.
- 5. The Company may file with the Board and forward to the affected parties any objections to the claimed costs within 15 days of the date of the Board's rate order.
- 6. Any affected parties may file with the Board and forward to the Company a response to any objections for cost claims within 20 days of the date of the Board's rate order.

## FILINGS

7. All filings with the Board must be in the form of 2 hard copies and received by the Board by 4:45 p.m. on the stated date. The Board requires all correspondence to be in electronic form as well as paper. Therefore, all parties must also e-mail an

electronic copy of their filings in MS Word and searchable PDF format to the Board Secretary at <u>Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca.</u> Parties must also include the Case Manager, Colin Schuch <u>colin.schuch@oeb.gov.on.ca</u> and Board Counsel Michael Millar <u>michael.millar@oeb.gov.on.ca</u> on all electronic correspondence related to this case.

8. If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at <u>www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>. Additionally, two paper copies are required. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the Board's website under e-filings and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to submit and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at <u>www.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>, e-Filing Services. The Board also accepts interventions by e-mail, at the address below, and again, two additional paper copies are required. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

DATED at Toronto, March 18, 2009

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary APPENDIX "A"

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# APPLICANT AND LIST OF INTERVENORS

(see attached list)

#### EB-2007- 0680 Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited

#### List of Applicant and Intervenors

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