



EB-2008-0245

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 Thunder Bay
Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. for an order approving
just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity
distribution to be effective May 1, 2009.

INTERIM RATE ORDER

Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. ("Thunder Bay") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, received on September 8, 2008, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, (the "Act"), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Thunder Bay charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2009. The Board assigned the Thunder Bay application File Number EB-2008-0245.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing for the application on October 1, 2008, Procedural Order No. 1 on November 14, 2008 and Procedural Order No. 2 on January 26, 2009.

In light of the time constraints in this proceeding, the Board will not be able to conclude its review of the application in order to set rates to be implemented May 1, 2009. The Board notes that in its application, Thunder Bay requested that should the Board not be able to provide an order for implementation as of May 1, 2009, Thunder Bay's proposed rates for 2009 should be declared interim. The Board has considered this request but has determined that Thunder Bay's current rates for its service area should be made interim, effective May 1, 2009 pending the issuance of final rates for 2009. The Board expects that final rates will be issued reasonably close to May 1, 2009 and therefore it is not necessary to consider implementing the proposed rates on an interim basis.

In declaring Thunder Bay's rates interim, the Board emphasizes that this interim rate order should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the final determination of these applications with regards to the effective date.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

The currently approved rates for Thunder Bay's service area are declared interim as of May 1, 2009 and until such time as a final rate order is issued by the Board.

DATED at Toronto, April 16, 2009

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

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Board Secretary