



EB-2008-0230

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 Greater
Sudbury Hydro Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing
just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges,
effective May 1, 2009.

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Pamela Nowina
Vice Chair and Member

INTERIM RATE ORDER

Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. ("Greater Sudbury" or the "Applicant") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, received on December 22, 2008 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Greater Sudbury charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2009. The Board has assigned the application File Number EB-2008-0230. The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated January 13, 2009.

In Procedural Order No. 1, issued on February 18, 2009, the Board made provision for a phased approach to the discovery process, with the first phase consisting of written interrogatories and the possibility of a technical conference at the option of the Applicant. The Applicant chose not to have a technical conference.

On March 19, 2009, the Applicant filed responses to the interrogatories from parties.

The Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 on March 31, 2009, seeking the views of the Applicant and all parties regarding the need for additional procedural steps in this proceeding.

Procedural Order No. 3 in this proceeding was issued on April 17, 2009 and set the dates for a post-interrogatory Technical Conference and a Settlement Conference.

As the processing of Greater Sudbury's application is not yet concluded, and pending the issuance of final rates for 2009, the Board declares the current rates interim effective May 1, 2009.

In declaring Greater Sudbury's rates interim, the Board emphasizes that this interim order should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the final determination of this Application.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

The currently approved rates of Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. 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 24, 2009

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary