

EB-2008-0249

**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 West Perth Power Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2009.

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

West Perth Power Inc. ("West Perth" or the "Applicant") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, received on April 1, 2009 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that West Perth charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2009. The Board has assigned the application File Number EB-2008-0249. The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated May 14, 2009. In that Notice, the Board stated that it would proceed in two phases, Phase I to review and establish the revenue requirement for 2009, and Phase II to review the allocation of costs to the customer classes and the rate design. This Procedural Order is in reference to Phase I only.

The Board received a request for intervenor status and cost eligibility in this proceeding from the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC").

The Board hereby approves the intervention and cost eligibility status for VECC.

Intervenor contact information is found in Appendix A.

The Board recognizes that the costs of an intervention can be relatively significant for a smaller distributor. While the Board encourages active participation in the review of an application, the intervenor should be mindful of the potential impact of these costs upon ratepayers, which the Board will take into consideration when it determines its cost awards. The Board will also take into account the quality and relevance of the intervention.

The Board has decided to make provision for a progressive stepped approach to the discovery process for this proceeding. The first step will consist of written interrogatories. Upon the receipt of the interrogatory responses from the Applicant the Board will determine the appropriate next step and issue another Procedural Order after reviewing the quality of the responses.

Please be aware that this Procedural Order may be amended, and further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

## THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Parties who wish information and material from the Applicant that is in addition to the Applicant's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to the Applicant. Board staff shall submit their interrogatories on or before Wednesday June 24, 2009. The intervenor shall submit its interrogatories no later than Friday June 26, 2009. Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the pre-filed evidence.
- 2. The Applicant shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors no later than Wednesday July 15, 2009.

All filings to the Board must quote file number EB-2008-0249, be made through the Board's web portal at <a href="www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</a>, 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 <a href="www.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.oeb.gov.on.ca</a>. If the web portal is not available you may email 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, June 12, 2009

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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## WEST PERTH POWER INC. 2009 COST OF SERVICE RATE APPLICATION EB-2008-0249 APPLICANT AND LIST AND INTERVENORS

June 12, 2009

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