

EB-2007-0750

# Notice of Application and Hearing

## **Application for the Smart Metering Entity Licence**

The Independent Electricity System Operator (the "IESO") filed an application on September 4, 2007 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for the Smart Metering Entity ("SME") licence under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The Board has assigned file number EB-2007-0750 to this application.

Section 53.7 of the *Electricity Act, 1998* (the "EA") permits the Minister to establish the SME in a number of ways, including designating an entity by regulation. Ontario Regulation 393/07, which was filed July 26, 2007, designated the IESO as the SME.

The objects of the SME are set out in the EA and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. to plan, implement and deliver any part of the smart metering initiative;
- to collect, manage and store the information and data related to the metering of consumers' consumption or use of electricity in Ontario;
- 3. to establish and operate one or more databases to facilitate collecting, managing, storing, and retrieving smart metering data; and
- 4. to provide and promote non-discriminatory access by distributors, retailers, the Ontario Power Authority and other persons,

- i. to the information and data in paragraph 2; and
- ii. to the telecommunication system that permits the SME to transfer data.

On September 14, 2007, the Board issued an interim order granting the SME a temporary licence. The temporary licence is valid until January 31, 2008 or until the Board makes a final decision on the SME licence application, whichever is earlier.

#### **How to See the Application**

A copy of the application and related documents are available for inspection at the Board's offices in Toronto and on its website. A copy can also be viewed at the IESO's offices at the address indicated below and on its website at <a href="http://www.ieso.ca">http://www.ieso.ca</a>

## **How to Participate in the Proceeding**

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

- 1. You may send the Board a letter of comment. Your letter should include any request to make an oral presentation to the Board, and must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication date of this notice.
- 2. You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication date of this notice.
- 3. You may request intervenor status if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter of intervention received by the Board no later than 10 days from the publication date of this notice. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may proceed in this matter by way of a written hearing or an oral hearing. The Board will not hold a written hearing if a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for holding an oral hearing. Your letter of intervention should indicate your preference for a written or oral hearing, and the

reasons for that preference. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

### **How to Make Filings to the Board**

All filings to the Board must quote file number EB-2007-0750, and clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number and, when available a fax number and e-mail address. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on the required date.

#### **Need More Information?**

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

#### <u>IMPORTANT</u>

IF YOU DO NOT NOTIFY THE BOARD OF YOUR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THE PROCEEDING.

## <u>Addresses</u>

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