Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2009-0220

# NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING FOR AN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE

# **COLLUS Power Corporation**

The Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") received an application on September 30, 2009, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that COLLUS Power Corporation ("COLLUS") charges for electricity distribution, to be effective EB-2009-0220. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2009-0220. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on all of COLLUS's customers. The application was filed under the Board's guidelines for 3rd Generation Incentive Regulation, which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to rates between cost of service applications.

Any change to the rates that COLLUS charges for electricity distribution will be reflected in the delivery charges. Delivery charges are one of four regular items on residential and general service customers' electricity bills and vary depending on the amount of electricity consumed.

COLLUS indicates that if the application is approved as filed, a residential customer consuming 800 kWh per month would experience an approximate 4.1% decrease in delivery charges. This is a \$1.40 per month decrease on their total bill. A small general service customer consuming 2,000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of 50 kW or lower would experience an approximate 8.5% decrease in delivery charges. This is a \$5.27 per month decrease on their total bill.

## How to see COLLUS's Application

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, www.oeb.gov.on.ca, and at COLLUS's office and may be on its website.

# How to Participate in the Rate Proceeding

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

# 1. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board

Your letter with comments will be provided to the Board members deciding the application, and will be part of the public record for the application. Your letter must be received by the Board no later than **November 9, 2009**. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

# 2. Become an Observer

Observers do not actively participate in the proceeding but monitor the progress of the proceeding by receiving documents issued by the Board. You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in this proceeding. If you become an observer, you need to contact COLLUS and others in order to receive documents that they file in this proceeding and they may charge you for this. Most documents filed in this application will also be available on the Board's website. Your request for observer status must be made in writing and be received by the Board no later than **November 9, 2009**. The Board accepts observer request letters by either post or e-mail at the addresses below; however two paper copies are also required. You must also provide a copy of your letter to COLLUS.

## 3. Become an Intervenor

You may ask to become an intervenor if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Intervenors are eligible to receive evidence and other material

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submitted by participants in the hearing. Likewise, intervenors will be expected to send copies of any material they file to all parties to the hearing.

Your request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received by the Board no later than **November 9, 2009**. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may order costs in this proceeding in relation to COLLUS's requests for approval of a Z-factor that relates to the loss of revenue due to a change in a customer's operation and request for re-classification from the Large Use customer classs to the General Service > 50 kW customer class. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from COLLUS and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to COLLUS.

The Board intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing, but may include an oral component for certain parts of the application. That component may be in the form of a technical conference or an oral hearing, or both. This approach will enable the Board to address certain matters more effectively than would be possible in a proceeding conducted entirely on a written basis. If you object to the Board proceeding in this fashion, your letter of intervention must state the nature of the process you believe to be necessary and the reasons for undertaking such a process.

Anyone who wishes information and material from COLLUS that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board and that is relevant to the hearing shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to COLLUS on or before **November 25, 2009**. COLLUS shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to all parties no later than **December 16, 2009**.

Anyone who wishes to make a submission on the application must file that written submission with the Board and deliver it to COLLUS by **February 10, 2010**. If

COLLUS wishes to respond to the submission(s), the written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to all parties by **February 24, 2010**.

#### How to File Documents with the Board

If you already have a user ID, please submit your interrogatories or submission 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 file and naming conventions, please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at <u>www.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>, e-Filing Services. Those who do not have internet access are asked to submit their interrogatories or submission on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies. You may also send your submission by post or e-mail to the addresses below.

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2009-0220 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your document. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. 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.

#### Need More Information?

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

#### **IMPORTANT**

IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

#### **Addresses**

#### The Board:

Post: Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Board Secretary

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Original signed by

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