



EB-2009-0273

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 Orillia Power Distribution Corporation for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2010.

PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 1

Orillia Power Distribution Corporation (“Orillia Power”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on September 16, 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 Orillia Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2010. The Board has assigned the File Number EB-2009-0273 to this application.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 25, 2009. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) and The School Energy Coalition (SEC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility. No objections were received.

The Board has determined that VECC and SEC will be granted intervenor status. A list of intervenors in this proceeding is attached as Appendix A to this Order. The Board has also determined that the intervenors are each eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board’s *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

At this time the Board intends to proceed with its review of this application by way of a written hearing. The Notice of Application indicated that the Board 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.

The Board has decided to make provision at this time for written interrogatories. After its review of the responses, the Board will determine the next steps including whether provision should be made for additional interrogatories, a technical conference, or a settlement conference, after which the Board will determine whether to conduct an oral hearing or to make provision for written final submissions.

This Procedural Order addresses the first round of the interrogatories process. Please note that this Procedural Order may be amended, and further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Board staff shall request information and material from Orillia Power that is in addition to Orillia Power's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Orillia Power and all intervenors on or before November 11, 2009. Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the pre-filed evidence.
2. Intervenors who wish information and material from Orillia Power that is in addition to Orillia Power'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 Orillia Power on or before November 16, 2009. Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the pre-filed evidence.
3. Orillia Power shall file with the Board complete responses to all interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors no later than December 2, 2009.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2009-0273, be made through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca, 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 www.oeb.gov.on.ca. 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, November 2, 2009

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Board Secretary

APPENDIX A

**Orillia Power Distribution Corporation
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APPLICANT AND LIST OF INTERVENORS

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APPLICANT

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