



**EB-2009-0140**

**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 Veridian Connections Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2010.

### **PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 1**

Veridian Connections Inc. ("Veridian") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 2, 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 Veridian charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2010. The Board has assigned the File Number EB-2009-0140 to this application.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on October 23, 2009. The Consumer Council of Canada ("CCC"), the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility. No objection to these intervention requests was received. Ms. Robin Stewart applied for observer status and no objection was received to that request either.

The Board has determined that CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC will be granted intervenor status and Ms. Stewart will be granted observer 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*.

In the Notice of Application and Hearing, the Board stated its intention to proceed with its review of this application by way of an oral hearing. However, the Board will reassess the requirement for an oral hearing as the record develops through the interrogatory process.

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 proceed to conduct an oral hearing or to make provision for written final submissions.

This Procedural Order addresses the process for the first round of interrogatories. 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 Veridian that is in addition to Veridian's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Veridian and all intervenors on or before **December 15, 2009**. Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the pre-filed evidence.
2. Intervenors who wish information and material from Veridian that is in addition to Veridian'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 Veridian on or before **December 18, 2009**. Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the pre-filed evidence.
3. Veridian shall file with the Board complete responses to all interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors no later than **January 11, 2010**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2009-0140, be made through the Board's web portal at [www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://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](http://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 23, 2009.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Appendix 'A'**

To Procedural Order No. 1

List of Intervenors

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**Veridian Connections Inc.**

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**APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS**

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**APPLICANT**

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