Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2009-0265

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 Haldimand County Hydro Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2010.

PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 3

Haldimand County Hydro Inc. ("Haldimand County Hydro") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), on August 28, 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 Haldimand County Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2010.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 16, 2009. Procedural Order No. 1 setting the dates to file written interrogatories and responses to them by the Applicant was issued on October 14, 2009. By letter dated November 11, 2009, Haldimand County Hydro requested an extension for filing responses to interrogatories to November 30, 2009. The Board granted the extension pursuant to Procedural Order No. 2.

Upon review of the responses to written interrogatories, the Board has determined to make provision for a round of written supplemental interrogatories. This will be followed by a settlement conference between the Applicant and intervenors.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- Board staff and intervenors shall request information and material from Haldimand County Hydro that is in addition to Haldimand County Hydro's responses to interrogatories filed on December 1, 2009, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written supplemental interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Haldimand County Hydro and all intervenors on or before **December** 23, 2009. Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the evidence on the record to which each interrogatory pertains.
- Haldimand County Hydro shall file with the Board complete responses to all interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors no later than January 13, 2010.
- A settlement conference will be convened on January 21st, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the Board's offices and if needed, may continue until January 22nd with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues.
- 4. Any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the Board no later than **February 1, 2010**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2009-0265, be made through the Board's web portal at <u>www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>, 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, December 11, 2009 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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