



EB-2009-0186

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 Hydro
Hawkesbury 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

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. ("Hawkesbury") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 5, 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 Hawkesbury charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2010. The Board has assigned File Number EB-2009-0186 to this application.

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

The Board has determined that VECC will be granted intervenor status. The contact information for the intervenor in this proceeding is attached as Appendix A to this Order. The Board has also determined that the intervenor is 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 provide for an oral component for certain parts of the application. This 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.

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:

1. Board staff shall request information and material from Hawkesbury that is in addition to Hawkesbury's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Hawkesbury and VECC on or before Tuesday January 5, 2010. Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the pre-filed evidence.
2. VECC, if it wishes information and material from Hawkesbury that is in addition to Hawkesbury'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 Hawkesbury on or before Thursday January 7, 2010. Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the pre-filed evidence.
3. Hawkesbury shall file with the Board complete responses to all interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors no later than Tuesday January 26, 2010.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2009-0186, 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 December 18, 2009

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