

EB-2009-0408 EB-2009-0409

# NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS AND COMBINED HEARING

#### GREAT LAKES POWER TRANSMISSION INC.

An application under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking changes to the uniform provincial transmission rates for 2010

#### AND

An application for a deferral account relating to renewable energy projects

## **Rate Application**

Great Lakes Power Transmission Inc. on behalf of Great Lakes Power Transmission LP ("GLPT") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 30, 2009 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, 1998 S.O. c.15, (Schedule B). GLPT is seeking approval for changes to the uniform provincial transmission rates that GLPT charges for electricity transmission, to be effective January 1, 2010 (the "Rate Application"). The Board has assigned the application Board file number EB-2009-0408.

GLPT forecasts a revenue requirement of \$39,365,100 for 2010. If the application is approved as filed, the overall resulting increase in Ontario's transmission revenue requirement pool will be 0.3%. For a residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month, the estimated increase on the customer's total bill will be 0.015% or \$0.01 per month in 2010.

The noted impacts do not reflect any impacts that can occur by Board approved changes to the revenue requirements of other transmitters for the year 2010.

The Board's decision on the rate application may have an effect on all electricity consumers in Ontario. Any change to the uniform transmission rates will cause the rates charged to consumers through their local distribution companies to change commensurately. Transmission charges (which are determined by the uniform transmission rates) are one of the four regular items that appear on all residential and general service electricity bills.

## **Deferral Account Application**

GLPT has also filed an application with the Board on November 27, 2009 requesting that a deferral account be granted for the purposes of recording capital as well as operation, maintenance and administration expenses related to renewable generation connection, system planning, and infrastructure investment arising from the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act*, 2009 ("the "Deferral Account Application"). The Board has assigned the application Board file number EB-2009-0409.

Copies of the two applications are available for inspection at the Board's offices in Toronto, and at the GLPT head office:

2 Sackville Road, Suite B Sault Ste. Marie ON P6B 6J6

Electronic copies are available for review or download at the Ontario Energy Board website, www.oeb.gov.on.ca, and on the GLPT website, www.glp.on.ca.

## **Participation**

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 these two Applications, and will be part of the public record for these two Applications. Your letter must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. 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 the applicant 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 **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. 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 the applicant.

#### 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 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 **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. 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 choose to hold either a written or an oral hearing. The Board will not hold a written hearing if a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. Your letter of intervention should indicate your preference for a written or oral hearing, and the reasons for that preference. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at <a href="www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</a>. 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 submit and

naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at <a href="www.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.oeb.gov.on.ca</a>, e-Filing Services. The Board also accepts interventions by e-mail, at the address below, and again, two additional paper copies are required. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

#### **Need more information?**

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at <a href="www.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.oeb.gov.on.ca</a> or by calling the Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

#### How to contact us

In responding to this notice, please make reference to Board file number EB-2009-0408. It is also important that you provide your name, telephone number and postal address 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 by **4:45 pm** on the required date.

For your convenience, the Board accepts letters of comment by either regular mail or e-mail. The Board's e-mail address is <a href="mailto:Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca">Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca</a>. Please include the application file reference number in the subject line of your e-mail.

Please remember that you must also send a copy of your request for intervention to the applicant at the address listed below.

## **ADDRESSES**

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Board Secretary

E-mail: <a href="mailto:boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca">boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca</a>
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Tel: (705) 941-5661 Fax: (705) 941-5600 Email: <u>amcphee@glp.ca</u> IF YOU DO NOT INFORM THE BOARD OF YOUR WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDING.

**DATED** at Toronto, December 30, 2009

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary