Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2009-0416

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S. O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** a motion by Hydro One Networks Inc. in regard to a decision on Transmission Rates for 2010 and for the addition of Projects to a deferral Account previously authorised in proceeding EB-2008-0272

## NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

In its Decision with Reasons in EB-2008-0272 (Hydro One Networks' Inc.'s ("Hydro One") 2009-2010 Transmission revenue requirement proceeding), the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") authorized the establishment of a deferral account to capture preliminary planning costs for the Integrated Power System Plan ("IPSP") and certain other long term projects. By letters dated December 3, 2009 and December 15, 2009, Hydro One requested that the Board amend the scope of the deferral account to include certain additional other long term projects that had not been contemplated in the Board's original order. More specifically, Hydro One asks that the deferral account be expanded to include development OM&A costs associated with 14 additional projects. Copies of these letters are attached as Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" to this Notice.

The Board will treat this request as an application to expand the scope of the existing deferral account.

The Board has assigned docket No. EB-2009-0416 to this application. Please use this reference in all communications regarding this matter.

Hydro One has identified the 14 projects in Appendix B. The estimated total OM&A costs of the development work for the projects is estimated at approximately \$168 million.

The Board will adopt as intervenors in this proceeding the intervenors and any other parties of record from the EB-2008-0272 proceeding. The Board notes that Hydro One copied its letters to intervenors in the EB-2008-0272 proceeding.

The Board intends to proceed with the application by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board within **7 days** of the publication date of this Notice.

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 THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- Intervenors and Board staff who wish information from Hydro One on the application that is relevant to this proceeding, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to the Applicant on or before Wednesday February 10, 2010.
- 2. Hydro One shall file with the Board and provide to all parties responses to the interrogatories on or before **Friday February 19, 2010**.
- 3. Intervenors and Board staff who wish to provide submissions on the application shall file such with Hydro One and the Board, with copies to all other intervenors, on or before **Friday February 26, 2010**.
- 4. Hydro One shall file any reply submissions with the Board, with copies to all intervenors, on or before **Monday March 8, 2010**.

All filings to the Board noted in this Procedural Order must be in the form of 2 hard copies and must be received by the Board by **4:45 p.m.** on the stated dates. An

electronic copy of the filing must also be provided. If you already have a user ID, the electronic copy of your filing should be submitted through the Board's web portal at <u>www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-Filing Services" page on the Board's website at <u>www.oeb.gov.on.ca</u> and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to submit and naming conventions, please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines also found on the "e-Filing Services" webpage. If the Board's web portal is not available, the electronic copy of your filing may be submitted by e-mail at <u>Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca</u>. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit the electronic copy of their filing on a CD or diskette in PDF format.

ISSUED at Toronto, January 26, 2010

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary