



**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. 2**

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.

In Procedural Order No.1, the Board granted intervenor status to 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”). The Board granted Ms. Robin Stewart observer status.

In Procedural Order No.1, the Board also made provision for written interrogatories and stated that after its review of the responses, it would determine the next steps in the proceeding. Veridian filed its responses to Board staff and intervenors’ interrogatories on January 11, 2010.

The Board has decided to proceed with this application by way of a Technical Conference, a Settlement Conference and an oral Hearing.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following procedural matters. 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. In preparation for the Technical Conference, Board staff and intervenors that require additional information from Veridian that is relevant to the hearing, shall file written interrogatories with the Board and deliver them to Veridian and all intervenors no later than **February 4, 2010**. The interrogatories should identify the relevant pre-filed evidence and responses to any previous interrogatories in this hearing and should, on a best effort basis, identify the precise additional information required from Veridian.
2. A transcribed Technical Conference will be held at the Board's offices at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto, on **February 8 and 10, 2010** commencing at 9:30 a.m.
3. A Settlement Conference will be held at the Board's offices at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto, on **February 16 and 17, 2010** commencing at 9:30 a.m.
4. The Settlement Proposal resulting from the Settlement Conference is to be filed no later than **March 1, 2010**.
5. An oral Hearing will be held at the Board's offices at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto, on **March 4, 5 and 8, 2010** commencing at **9:00 a.m.** The Settlement Proposal will be presented at the commencement of the oral Hearing.

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, January 27, 2010

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Board Secretary