



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. 3

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, issued November 23, 2009, 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. Also in Procedural Order No.1, the Board 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.

In Procedural Order No.2, issued January 27, 2010, the Board decided to proceed with the application by way of a Technical Conference, a Settlement Conference and an oral Hearing. Supplemental interrogatories were to be filed by February 4, 2010. Dates for the conferences, Settlement Proposal and oral Hearing were also specified.

A transcribed Technical Conference was held on February 8, 2010, and a Settlement Conference was held on February 16 and 17, 2010.

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

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The oral Hearing ordered in Procedural Order No.2 and scheduled for March 4, 5 and 8, 2010, has been cancelled.
2. The Settlement Proposal resulting from the Settlement Conference is now to be filed no later than **March 5, 2010**.
3. A further procedural order specifying the next steps in this proceeding will be issued by the Board after it has reviewed the Settlement Proposal.

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, 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, February 24, 2010

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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