

EB-2007-0713

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 Ottawa Limited for an Order or Orders approving just and reasonable rates and other service charges for the distribution of electricity, effective May 1, 2008.

PROCEDURAL ORDER No.1

Hydro Ottawa Limited filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, received on September 19, 2007 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the distribution rates that Hydro Ottawa Limited charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2008. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2007-0713. The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated October 5, 2007.

In response to the notice, certain intervenors argued for an oral hearing. One intervenor suggested that certain issues may be dealt with by way of written hearing.

The Board is of the view that many of the issues in this application can be decided by way of written hearing. In that regard, the Board will make provision for a meeting to enable all parties to identify issues that can be dealt with in writing, and any issues that they believe must be dealt with by way of oral hearing.

The Board notes that the applicant is seeking a unique adjustment mechanism for capital expenses, the "capital adjustment factor". The Board cautions the applicant that the question of whether the Board should consider an adjustment mechanism other than the rate adjustment to be developed as part of the third generation incentive rate mechanism remains an issue in this case, along with the specific details of the applicant's proposal.

Please be aware that this procedural order may be amended, and further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Parties who wish information and material from the applicant that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to the applicant on or before November 13, 2007. A list of intervenors is attached as Appendix A to this order.
- The applicant shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors no later than Monday, November 30, 2007.
- 3. A meeting involving intervenors, Board staff and the applicant will be convened on December 5, 2007 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Board's hearing room on the 25th Floor at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto, to identify the issues that should be dealt with either in writing or by way of oral hearing. Parties shall submit such issue identification by December 7, 2007.

- 4. All filings to the Board must quote file number EB-2007-0713, 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.

DATED at Toronto, October 29, 2007

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Appendix 'A'

List of Intervenors

Hydro Ottawa Limited EB-2007-0713

October 29, 2007

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List of Applicant and Intervenors

Updated - October 26, 2007.

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Appendix 'B'

List of Observors

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