



**EB-2010-0209**

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF SMART METER COST RECOVERY**

### **PowerStream Inc.**

PowerStream Inc. ("PowerStream" or the "Applicant") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on June 11, 2010 seeking approval for the recovery of smart meter costs incurred between January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009 in PowerStream's South rate zone. The Applicant has requested that this recovery be facilitated by disposing of the smart meter variance accounts through a smart meter disposition rate rider of \$0.37 per month per metered customer and a smart meter rate rider to recover ongoing costs. The smart meter rate rider would be in the amount of \$1.45 per month per residential customer and \$1.03 per month per General Service less than 50 kW demand customer for the period leading up to the effective date of the Board's next cost of service rate order for the Applicant. PowerStream is also seeking a decrease to its smart meter funding adder, from \$1.81 to \$0.50 per metered customer per month. All charges are proposed to be effective November 1, 2010.

PowerStream continues to operate two separate rate zones, PowerStream South, the legacy service area and PowerStream North, the Barrie service area. This application pertains to the legacy service area only. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2010-0209. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on all of the customers served by the Applicant in its South rate zone.

Any change to the Applicant's distribution rates will cause the Applicant's delivery charges to change. Delivery charges are one of four regular items on residential and general service customers' electric bills and vary depending on the amount of electricity consumed.

If the application is approved as filed, a residential customer consuming 800 kWh per month would experience an approximate 0.48% increase in the current delivery charges. This is a \$0.51 per month increase on the bill. A general service customer consuming 2000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of less than 50 kW would experience an approximate 0.01% increase in its current delivery charges. This is a \$0.09 per month increase on the bill.

### **How to see PowerStream Inc.'s Application**

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca), and at PowerStream's office and may be on its website.

### **How to Participate**

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 Panel deciding the application, and will be part of the public record for the application. 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 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.

The Board intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing. If you object to the Board proceeding in this fashion, your letter of intervention must state the type of proceeding you believe to be necessary and the reasons why.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at [www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca). 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 [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca), 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 in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

#### **How to Contact Us**

In responding to this Notice, please reference Board file number EB-2010-0209 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number 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 no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

**Need More Information?**

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca) or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

**IMPORTANT**

**IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PROCESS AS OUTLINED OR DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.**

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**DATED** at Toronto, June 28, 2010  
**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

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