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



EB-2010-0282

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for an Exemption from Mandated Timeof-Use Pricing for Certain Regulated Price Plan Consumers

The Application

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application dated September 16, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) (the "Act") for an Exemption from Mandated Time-of-Use ("TOU") Pricing for Certain Regulated Price Plan ("RPP") Consumers. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2010-0282. The application will be decided by the Counsel, Special Projects, who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the Act. The Counsel, Special Projects, does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding this application.

Mandated Time-of-Use Pricing

On August 4, 2010, the Ontario Energy Board issued a determination under Section 1.2.1 of the Standard Supply Service Code to mandate TOU pricing for RPP customers. The determination established mandatory TOU dates for each electricity distributor. Hydro One is requesting an exemption from their mandatory TOU date of June 2011 pertaining to certain RPP consumers that are currently outside the reach of Hydro One's smart meter telecommunications infrastructure. Hydro One is asking to exclude approximately 150,000 very rural customers from their obligation to migrate to TOU rates until Hydro One has successfully sourced and deployed a solution that can effectively service this customer base.

How to see the Application

A copy of the application and related documents are available for inspection at the Board's offices in Toronto and on its website, <u>www.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>. A copy can also be viewed at Hydro One's office at the addresses indicated below and on its website.

How to Participate in the Hearing

The application will be decided by way of written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. If you object to a written hearing for this application, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant by **November 15, 2010**.

Any parties who wish information and material from Hydro One that is in addition to the Hydro One's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Hydro One on or before **November 17, 2010**. Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the pre-filed evidence. Hydro One shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to any interested parties in the proceeding no later than **November 24, 2010**.

Anyone who wishes to make a submission on the application must file that written submission with the Board and deliver it to the applicant by **December 1, 2010**. If the applicant wishes to respond to the submission(s), the written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to all parties who made submissions by **December 8, 2010**.

How to File Documents with the Board

You must forward three paper copies, and if possible, an electronic copy in Word format and searchable PDF format, of your written submission to the Board and one copy to the applicant. All submissions must quote file number EB-2010-0282 and clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. 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 Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION OBJECTING TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

Addresses

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Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Board Secretary

Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (toll free) Fax: 416-440-7656 E-mail: Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca

The Applicant

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