

Board Staff Interrogatories
Application for Exemption from Mandated Time of Use Pricing
for Certain Regulated Price Plan Consumers Submission
Hydro One Networks Inc.
EB-2010-0282
Dated November 16, 2010

Board Staff question 1

Preamble

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) states in its application that it is seeking an exemption from its mandatory Time-of-Use (TOU) date of June 2011 for certain Regulated Price Plan (RPP) consumers that are currently outside the reach of Hydro One's smart meter telecommunications infrastructure.

Questions

- a) Please confirm the status of Hydro One's smart meter deployment and TOU implementation as of October 31, 2010.
- b) Please specify the part(s) of Hydro One's service area (and number of customers) affected by this application.
- c) Please describe the factors that Hydro One considered in making this application.

Board Staff question 2

Preamble

Hydro One states in its application that a solution addressing its smart meter telecommunications infrastructure situation is not expected until at least the end of 2012. It also states that it "is evaluating alternate solutions that would meet the core Time-of-Use objective at the lowest lifecycle cost."

Questions

- a) Please describe in detail Hydro One's plan, including timelines, to extend its smart meter telecommunications infrastructure to reach the affected customers and transition them to TOU billing.
- b) Please provide the projected costs to install the infrastructure to these customers and the projected ongoing costs once installed, comparing these costs to the usual costs per customer in Hydro One's service territory.

- c) Please describe the alternate solutions and associated costs that Hydro One is evaluating.

Board Staff question 3

Preamble

Hydro One states in its application that “a solution that adequately addresses this gap is not expected until at least the end of 2012.” Hydro One stated in its baseline plan (filed with the Board on July 6th, 2009) that it intended “to have adequate network build out to support 1.05 million customers on TOU billing by June 2011 with the rest being covered by end of 2011/early 2012.”

Questions

- a) Please describe the events, including timelines, which occurred since July 2009 causing Hydro One to change the expected completion date for TOU implementation from end of 2011/early 2012 to the end of 2012.