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



EB-2010-0137

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 Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2011.

PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 2

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. ("Milton Hydro" or the "Applicant") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), received on August 27, 2010 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, (the "Act") seeking approval for changes to the rates that Milton Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011. The Board has assigned the application File Number EB-2010-0137.

On October 28, 2010, the Board issued a Decision on Confidentiality granting a request filed by Milton Hydro that selected information within the section of its application entitled: "2011 EDR Smart Meter Calculation Model" be held in confidence by the Board pursuant to the Board's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings* (the "Practice Direction"). On October 19, 2010 the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, which outlined dates for a technical conference on November 24, 2010 and a settlement conference on November 30, 2010 with a possible continuation on December 1, 2010.

On November 15, 2010, Milton Hydro filed a letter requesting an extension to the November 23, 2010 date for the filing of its interrogatory responses. Milton Hydro stated that this request was due to the short time line for responses and the nature of some of the interrogatories which required re-running its load forecast and certain regression models. No intervenors objected to this request.

The Board grants the requested extension. The Board has also determined that as a result of this extension, it is necessary to revise the dates outlined in Procedural Order No. 1 for the technical conference and settlement conference. Subsequent to the completion of the settlement conference, the Board will, as stated in Procedural Order No. 1, determine whether to conduct an oral hearing or make provision for final written submissions.

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

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- A Technical Conference shall be convened on **December 3, 2010** to allow Milton Hydro to respond to questions from parties related to the pre-filed evidence and responses to interrogatories. The Technical Conference will be transcribed and will be held in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto commencing at 9:30 a.m. Parties shall provide question in writing by **December 1, 2010**.
- A Settlement Conference will be convened on December 8, 2010, commencing at 9:30 a.m. with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. The Settlement Conference will be held in the Board's North hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto.
- 3. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board no later than **December 20, 2010**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2010-0137, be made through the Board's web portal at <u>www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>, 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. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <u>www.oeb.gov.on.ca/OEB/Industry</u>. If the web portal is not available, parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two 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, November 17, 2010

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Kirsten Walli Board Secretary