



EB-2010-0291

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 Great Lakes
Power Transmission Inc. on behalf of Great Lakes Power
Transmission LP seeking changes to the uniform provincial
transmission rates for 2011 and 2012;

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 AND INTERIM RATE DECISION

Great Lakes Power Transmission Inc. on behalf of Great Lakes Power Transmission LP ("GLPT" or the "Applicant") has filed an Application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 29, 2010 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, 1998 S.O. c.15, (Schedule B). GLPT is seeking Board approval for updated Uniform Transmission Rates ("UTR") for as to permit GLPT to recover its forecasted revenue requirement for 2011 and for 2012. The Board has assigned the application Board file number EB-2010-0291 to the Application.

The Board issued a Notice of Applications and Hearing dated October 28, 2010.

Four intervention requests were filed with the Board: (1) Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO"); (2) Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC"); (3) Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"); (4) Schools Energy Coalition ("SEC"). The applications for intervention by VECC, Energy Probe, and SEC also included requests for eligibility to seek an award of costs for participation in this proceeding.

The Board has granted intervention status to the four parties, and has granted cost eligibility to VECC, Energy Probe and SEC, all subject to the Applicant's right of reply to each of these requests within 10 days of the issuance of this Order.

Parties are reminded that requests for cost awards will ultimately be considered with regard to the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, which is available on the Board's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. The Board expects that all eligible intervenors will cooperate to the maximum extent possible and will be mindful of avoidable duplication.

PUC Distribution Inc. requested observer status. The Board grants this request.

A preliminary list of Intervenors is attached as Appendix "A" to this Order.

Requests for Interim and Effective Rates

In its Application, GLPT made three requests with respect to rates which the Board will address:

1. Current rates be made interim as of January 1, 2011;
2. Proposed rates for 2011 test year be made effective as of January 1, 2011;
and
3. Proposed rates for 2012 test year be made effective as of January 1, 2012.

The Board reviewed its practices in regard to interim rates and agrees that GLPT's current rates should be made interim as of January 1, 2011.

The Board is not in a position at this point to make determination in regard to the effective dates of the new 2011 and 2012 rates for GLPT.

Hearing

The Applicant requested that this proceeding be conducted by way of written hearing. The Board in its Notice of Application indicated that it intends to proceed with this application by way of an oral hearing in order to address certain matters more effectively, and invited parties applying for intervention to indicate whether there is any objection to the Board proceeding in this fashion. Only SEC commented by stating that until interrogatories have been answered, it believes it is premature to assess whether a written or oral hearing is more appropriate. The Board will inform the parties at a later date of its decision whether it intends to proceed by way of an oral hearing.

Please be aware that further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The current Uniform Transmission Rates as they relate to Great Lakes Power Transmission LP will be made interim as of January 1, 2011.
2. 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 December 10, 2010. Board staff shall submit interrogatories on or before Monday, November 29, 2010. Intervenors are expected to review Board staff interrogatories to ensure they do not duplicate questions.

All interrogatories must identify the Reference in the format as shown by the example attached as Appendix "B"

3. The Applicant shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the Intervenors no later than Friday, January 7, 2011.
4. A Settlement Conference will be convened on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. The Settlement Conference will be held at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto in the Board's ADR room on the 25th Floor and if needed, may continue until Friday, January 14, 2011.
5. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 21, 2011 The Board will sit on Friday, January 28, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. to review any Settlement Proposal.
6. If you already have a user ID, please submit all filings to the Board noted in this Procedural Order through the Board's web portal at 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, 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 in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

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DATED at Toronto on November 17, 2010

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

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Board Secretary

**Appendix “A”
To
Procedural Order No. 1 and Interim Rate Decision**

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List of Intervenors

**Great Lakes Power Transmission LP Rate Application
(2011 and 2012 Test Years)
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Great Lakes Power Transmission Inc. on behalf of Great Lakes Power Transmission LP
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Appendix "B"
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Sample Format for Interrogatories

(Interrogatory Number)

Ref: Exh. **X**/Tab **Y**/Sch. **Z**