Board Staff Interrogatories Application for Exemption from Mandated Time of Use Pricing for Regulated Price Plan Consumers Submission Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. EB-2010-0306 Dated November 26, 2010

Board Staff question 1

Preamble

Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. (Thunder Bay Hydro) states in its application that it is seeking an exemption from its mandatory Time-of-Use (TOU) date of June 2011 for Regulated Price Plan (RPP) consumers and a new date of August 2011.

Questions

- a) Please confirm the current status of Thunder Bay Hydro's smart meter deployment and TOU implementation, including its progress on the ten milestones reported on each month.
- b) Please describe in detail the factors that Thunder Bay Hydro considered in making this application.
- c) Please identify the dates, and the number of RPP consumers on each date, by which Thunder Bay Hydro will begin billing its RPP consumers on a TOU basis, if its request for a new mandatory TOU date is granted.

Board Staff question 2

Preamble

Thunder Bay Hydro states in its application that its "original project plan with the IESO had to be rescheduled due to technical testing delays that occurred in the summer months."

Questions

- a) Please describe in detail the events, including timelines, which occurred since during the summer causing Thunder Bay Hydro to request a change to its mandatory TOU date.
- b) Please describe in describe in detail the consequences of the delays on the costs of Thunder Bay Hydro's Smart Meter and TOU implementation plan.

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c) Are there any other factors (internal and/or external) Thunder Bay Hydro has identified that may hinder Thunder Bay Hydro's ability to comply with its requested mandatory TOU date?