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



EB-2010-0338

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

Application by Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation for an Exemption from their Mandated Meter Enrollment Testing Date for Time-of-Use Pricing

The Application

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation ("Erie Thames") filed an application dated November 9, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) for a licence amendment granting an exemption in relation to the mandated date for the testing of a process for enrollment of customers in the meter data management repository for the implementation of Time-of-Use ("TOU") pricing rates for Regulated Price Plan consumers. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2010-0338. The application will be decided by the Counsel, Special Projects, who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act.* The Counsel, Special Projects, does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding this application.

Mandated Meter Enrollment Testing and 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 require the implementation of TOU pricing for Regulated Price Plan customers. The determination established mandatory TOU implementation dates for each electricity distributor. For some distributors, the determination also included a required date for meter testing enrollment. Erie Thames is requesting an exemption from their meter testing enrollment date of November 2010 due to various delays experienced from system upgrades to their smart meter software and customer information billing system. Erie Thames is requesting the meter testing

enrollment date be extended to the end of February 2011. Erie Thames states the exemption and extension will not affect their mandatory TOU implementation date of September 2011.

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 Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation'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 not holding a written 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 **December 20, 2010**.

Any parties who wish information and material from the applicant that is in addition to the applicant'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 the applicant on or before **December 22, 2010**. Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the pre-filed evidence. The applicant shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to any interested parties in the proceeding no later than **December 29, 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 **January 5, 2011**. 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 **January 12, 2011**.

All written submissions sent to the Board will be placed on the public record. The written submissions will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

If the written submission is from a private citizen (i.e., not a lawyer representing a client, not a consultant representing a client or organization, not an individual in an organization that represents the interests of consumers or other groups, and not an individual from a regulated entity), before placing the written submission on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the written submission (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the written submission will become part of the public record.

As stated elsewhere in this notice, you must provide a complete copy of your written submission (including your name, contact information, and everything written in the submission) to the applicant.

How to File Documents with the Board

You must forward two 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-2010-0338 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.

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IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION OBJECTING TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS 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

The Board

The Applicant

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DATED at Toronto, December 1, 2010

Ontario Energy Board

Original signed by

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