



EB-2010-0345

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING

APPROVAL OF 2011 REVENUE REQUIREMENT AND CHANGE TO THE UNIFORM ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION TRANSFORMATION CONNECTION RATE

Niagara West Transformation Corporation

Niagara West Transformation Corporation ("NWTC") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 9, 2010 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B). NWTC is seeking approval for changes to its 2011 revenue requirement and for approval for an update to the Provincial Uniform Transmission Transformation Rate that is charged for electricity transmission transformation, to be effective March 1, 2011. The application concerns the provision of electricity transformation services to the communities served by Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (formerly Peninsula West Utilities Limited) and Grimsby Power Incorporated. The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2010-0345

NWTC is seeking approval of \$838,672 as the 2011 base revenue it requires to provide electricity transmission transformation of wholesale electricity. NWTC's revenue requirement is not currently part of the Uniform Transmission Transformation Rate. NWTC forecasts a revenue deficiency of \$190,410 from its current revenue requirement in 2011. NWTC is requesting for the first time that the proposed base revenue requirement be included in the calculation of the Provincial Uniform Transmission Transformation Connection Rate.

NWTC, owned in equal share by Peninsula West Power Inc and Niagara Power Inc., advises that it does not have any employees and operates under two service contracts, one with Rondar Inc, and the other with Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. one of the two customers of the NWTC mentioned above.

While NWTC anticipates that the Provincial Uniform Transmission Transformation

Connection Rate will not be impacted because its base revenue requirement is a small proportion of the total cost of transformation service in Ontario, the Board's decision on the approach taken in this application could potentially have an effect on all electricity consumers in Ontario. Any change to the uniform transmission rates, of which the transformation rate is a component, will cause the rates charged to consumers through their local distribution companies to change. Retail transmission charges (which are determined by the uniform transmission rates) are part of the delivery line that appears on all Residential and General Service electricity bills. This change to the delivery component of the bill is separate from other potential changes to electricity bills, such as changes to the "electricity" component charges, and changes to distribution charges. This application deals only with the potential increase to the delivery component of the bill that may result from an increase in the uniform transmission transformation rate.

Written Hearing

The Board intends to proceed with this matter by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, 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 within **14 days** of the publication or service date of this notice.

How to see Niagara West Transformation Corporation 's Application

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, www.oeb.gov.on.ca/OEB/Industry, and at Niagara West Transformation Corporation's office and may be on its website.

How to Participate

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

1. Become an Intervenor

Intervenors participate actively in the proceeding (i.e., submit written questions, evidence, and arguments, and cross-examine witnesses at an oral hearing).

A request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received

by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. A letter of intervention must include: (a) a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; (b) if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership; and (c) whether you intend to seek an award of costs and the grounds for your cost award eligibility.

You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which means that all filings will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. Additionally, two paper copies must be submitted to the address set out below.

If you do not have a user ID, visit the Board's website under e-Filing Services and complete a user ID/password request form. For instructions on how to submit documents and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca/OEB/Industry, 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.

2. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board

If you wish to comment on the proceeding without becoming an intervenor, you may submit a letter of comment to the Board Secretary.

All letters of comment sent to the Board will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

Before placing the letter of comment on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the letter of comment (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 letter of comment will become part of the public record.

A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicant and the Hearing Panel.

Your letter of comment must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

3. Become an Observer

Observers do not participate actively in the proceeding but receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. There is no fee for observers to receive documents issued by the Board.

A request for observer status must be made in writing and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts observer request letters by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

All letters requesting observer status will become part of the public record, which means that the letters will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

Before placing the request for observer status on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the request (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 request for observer status will become part of the public record.

Observers may also request documents filed by the applicant and other parties to the proceeding but must request these documents directly from the relevant party. Observers may be required to pay for the costs of reproducing and delivering the material.

Most documents filed in this application will also be available on the Board's website.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this Notice, please reference Board file number EB-2010-0345 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. 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 www.oeb.gov.on.ca/OEB/Industry or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

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.

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Filings: <https://www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca/>

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DATED at Toronto, December 6, 2010

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Original signed by

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