

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

BOARD STAFF SUBMISSION

Application for an Exemption from the Reporting Requirements in Relation to Mandated Time-of-Use Pricing

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.

EB-2010-0308

December 10, 2010

BACKGROUND

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. ("Milton Hydro") filed an application dated October 14, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) (the "Act") for an exemption from the reporting requirements in relation to mandated Time-of-Use ("TOU") pricing for Regulated Price Plan ("RPP") consumers.

Milton Hydro is requesting to be exempt from the remaining monthly reporting requirements because it has deployed 100% of its smart meters, has fully integrated with the MDM/R and is billing 100% of RPP-eligible consumers on TOU electricity prices. Monthly reporting is required by the OEB in order to monitor the status of the deployment of smart meters in a distributor's service area; the integration of a distributor's meters and systems with the provincial meter data management repository ("MDM/R"); and the distributor's plans for implementing TOU and billing for RPP-eligible consumers.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Written Hearing on November 2, 2010.

This submission is being provided by Board staff following a review of the application and evidence filed in this proceeding.

STAFF SUBMISSION

Board staff has no issue with Milton Hydro's request for an exemption. However, Board staff submits that if Milton Hydro's exemption application is approved that it include a provision requiring Milton Hydro to provide the Board with the monthly reporting requirements for the month ending June 2011 no later than July 10, 2011. This information will be necessary for the Board to assess accurately whether the government's expectation of having 3.6 million RPP consumers on TOU pricing by June 2011 is achieved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.