

EB-2007-0905

# NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND ORAL HEARING APPROVING PAYMENT AMOUNTS FOR PRESCRIBED GENERATING FACILITIES

#### **Ontario Power Generation Inc.**

The Ontario Energy Board (the Board) received an application from Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) on November 30, 2007, under section 78.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B, seeking approval for increases in payment amounts for the output of certain of its generating facilities, to be effective April 1, 2008. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2007-0905. The Board's decision on this application will affect most electricity customers in Ontario.

This is OPG's first application for an order from the Board approving payment amounts for output from generating facilities prescribed by Ontario Regulation 53/05. Those facilities are OPG's nuclear generating stations at Pickering and Darlington, and the following hydroelectric facilities: Sir Adam Beck I, Sir Adam Beck II, Sir Adam Beck Pump Generating Station, DeCew Falls I, DeCew Falls II, and R.H. Saunders. In 2006, these stations generated over 40% of the electrical energy consumed in Ontario. The payments OPG currently receives for these generation facilities have been fixed under Ontario Regulation 53/05 and remain in effect until the Board determines other payment amounts on or after April 1, 2008.

OPG indicates that, if the application is approved as filed, there would be a 14% increase in the payment amounts. According to OPG, for a residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month that would mean an increase of approximately \$2.75 in the monthly electricity bill. As part of the application, OPG is also seeking an interim payment amount adjustment to take effect April 1, 2008, to allow for recovery of its requested payments if the Board's final decision is not made by that date.

The Board has decided to proceed with this application by oral hearing.

## How to see Ontario Power Generation Inc.'s Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the application and the pre-filed evidence in support of OPG's application will be available for public inspection at the Board's offices and website, and at OPG's head office and website at <a href="https://www.opg.com/about/reg/filings/hearings/">www.opg.com/about/reg/filings/hearings/</a>.

## **How to Participate**

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

You may send the Board a letter of comment. Your letter should include any request to make an oral presentation to the Board, and must be received by the Board no later than 30 days from the publication date of this notice.

You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter received by the Board no later than 10 days from the publication date of this notice.

Your request intervenor status if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter of intervention received no later than 10 days from the publication date of this notice, or, if you have been served this notice personally, no later than 10 days from the date of service. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant. If so, your letter must also identify the grounds for your eligibility for costs, in accordance with the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant.

## **Need More Information?**

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at <a href="https://www.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.oeb.gov.on.ca</a> or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

#### **How to Contact Us**

In responding to this notice please reference Board file number EB-2007-0905. 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.

For your convenience, the Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail. Our e-mail address is <a href="mailto:Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca">Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca</a> Please include the application file reference number in the subject line of your e-mail.

Letters of intervention must be sent to the Board by regular mail to the address below. Please remember that you must send a copy of your request for intervention to the applicant at the address listed below.

#### **IMPORTANT**

IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

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