Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'Énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2010-0400

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Algoma Power Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity to be effective July 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011.

# NOTICE OF MOTION AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

Algoma Power Inc. ("Algoma Power") filed a letter ("letter") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on December 17, 2010 regarding the Rate Order ("Rate Order") in the matter of EB-2009-0278 issued by the Board on December 13, 2010. Algoma Power requested that the Board make the Rate Order interim and issue a revised Rate Order to reflect certain corrections which it outlined and explained in the letter.

The Board views the relief sought by Algoma Power as a motion for a review and variance of the Rate Order and will proceed on this basis in accordance with the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The Motion has been assigned file number EB-2010-0400.

# <u>Motion</u>

Algoma Power is requesting that the Residential – R2 customer class Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition – effective until May 31, 2013 ("Rate Rider"), which appears as \$0.0044 per kW, be replaced with \$2.0491 per kW.

Algoma Power indicated that due to an oversight on its part the Rate Rider was incorrectly calculated, both in the application and subsequent record. Algoma Power had calculated the amount using kWhs (consumption) as the charge determinant rather that kWs (billing demand). The correction would see the rate rider rate change from the \$0.0044 per kW, which appears in the Rate Order, to \$2.0491 per kW.

Algoma Power also indicated that the bill impacts which were included in its Draft Rate Order, dated November 22, 2010, would need to be revised. The bill impact in the Draft Rate Order showed that the average Residential – R2 customer with a billing demand of 225 kW and non-uplifted consumption of 90,000 kWh would experience an approximate 1% reduction on their total bill or \$117.03 less per month. By correcting the oversight and applying the Rate Rider of \$2.0491 per kW, that same customer would experience an increase of 3.48% or \$402.83 per month.

The Board will proceed with a written hearing to consider the merits of the Motion and will provide for written submissions.

The Board will adopt as intervenors in this proceeding, the intervenors and any other parties of record from the EB-2009-0278 proceeding. A list of the parties of record in that proceeding is attached as Appendix A. Any party that is not automatically adopted as an intervenor by the Board in this proceeding and wishes to participate as an intervenor or observer must notify the Board Secretary's Office immediately.

The Board will declare the Tariff of Rates and Charges in the matter EB-2009-0278, issued with the Board's Rate Order dated December 13, 2010, interim, effective January 1, 2011. The Board informs parties that they are to view the declaration of interim rates as an administrative matter and not indicative of any future determination of the Board regarding this Motion.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following procedural matters. The Board may issue further Procedural Orders from time to time.

# THE BOARD THERFORE ORDERS THAT:

- The Tariff of Rates and Charges in the matter EB-2009-0278, issued with the Board's Rate Order dated December 13, 2010, is made interim, effective January 1, 2011.
- 2. Algoma Power shall file with the Board Secretary confirmation that it has served the parties to the EB-2009-0278 proceeding with Algoma Power's letter to the Board dated December 17, 2010.
- Intervenors and Board staff may file Submissions on the Motion. The Submissions shall be filed with the Board and copied to all parties of record in the EB-2009-0278 proceeding, and any new parties that the Board may adopt, on or before January 14, 2011.
- 4. Algoma Power may file a reply Submission. The Submission shall be filed with the Board and copied to all parties of record in the EB-2009-0278 proceeding, and any new parties that the Board may adopt, on or before **January 21, 2011**.
- 5. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. Any party that was determined to be eligible for costs in the EB-2009-0278 proceeding shall be eligible for costs in this proceeding. Any party that is not automatically eligible for costs but expects to seek costs in this proceeding shall file a letter with the Board and copy Algoma Power no later than **December 30, 2010** which letter shall provide the grounds for the party's eligibility for costs. Algoma Power will have until **January 6, 2011** to object to any new cost eligibility request. Requests for cost eligibility and the determination of cost awards will be addressed in accordance with the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. Algoma Power will be ordered to pay costs for this proceeding.

All filings to the Board must quote file number EB-2010-0400, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format filed through the Board's web portal at <u>www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <u>www.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>. If the web portal is not

available you may e-mail your document to <u>Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca</u>. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary, and be received no later than **4:45 p.m.** on the required date.

**ISSUED** at Toronto, December 23, 2010

# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary APPENDIX "A"

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BOARD FILE NO: EB-2009-04000

DATED: DECEMBER 23, 2010

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September 14, 2010

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