

Board Staff Interrogatories
Application for Exemption from Mandated Time of Use Pricing for
Regulated Price Plan Consumers
Canadian Niagara Power Inc., Grimsby Power Inc., Westario Power Inc.,
and Algoma Power Inc.
EB-2010- 0307
Dated January 7, 2011

Board Staff question 1

Preamble

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. ("CNPI") – Fort Erie, CNPI – Port Colbourne, CNPI – Gananoque, Algoma Power Inc., Grimsby Power Inc., and Westario Power Inc. (collectively the "FortisOntario Utilities") are requesting an exemption from their mandatory TOU dates due to an upgrade of their common customer information billing system hosted by CNPI and an upgrade to their smart meter software system. CNPI Port Colbourne and Fort Erie wish to be exempt from their current TOU date of December 2011 and are requesting a new date of January 2012. CNPI Gananoque is not requesting a new date. Grimsby Power Inc. and Westario Power Inc. wish to be exempt from their September 2011 TOU date and are requesting a new TOU date of December 2011. Algoma Power Inc. has requested an exemption from their June 2011 TOU date and is seeking a new date of June 2012.

Questions

- a) For each of the FortisOntario Utilities, please confirm the current status of the smart meter deployment and TOU implementation, including its progress on the ten milestones reported on each month.
- b) Please describe in detail the factors that the FortisOntario Utilities considered in making this application.
- c) Please identify the dates, and the number of RPP consumers on each date, by which each FortisOntario Utility will begin billing its RPP consumers on a TOU basis, if the requests for new mandatory TOU dates are granted.
- d) Please explain why the FortisOntario Utilities have not yet submitted project plans with the Smart Metering Entity confirming dates for enrolment testing.
- e) Please describe in detail FortisOntario Utilities' plan for enrolling with the MDM/R (Meter Data Management and Repository).

Board Staff question 2

Preamble

The FortisOntario Utilities state in their application that they have requested “an exemption from the OEB-mandated TOU implementation dates because of the need to first undertake an upgrade to their CIS systems.”

Questions

- a) Please describe in detail the events, including timelines, which occurred since the FortisOntario Utilities submitted their baseline plans to the Board that are causing the FortisOntario Utilities to request a change to their mandatory TOU dates.
- b) Please describe in detail the consequences of the delays on the costs of the FortisOntario Utilities Smart Meter and TOU implementation plan.
- c) Are there any other factors (internal and/or external) the FortisOntario Utilities have identified that may hinder its ability to comply with their requested mandatory TOU dates?