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BY E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EnWin Utilities Ltd. - Exemption from Mandated Time of Use Pricing
Date for Regulated Price Plan Consumers
Board File No.: EB-2010-0367**

Please find enclosed Board Staff interrogatories respecting the above application.

Please forward the interrogatories along with this cover letter to the applicant in this proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

George Dimitropoulos
Analyst, Licence Applications

cc:
Attachment

Board Staff Interrogatories
Application for Exemption from Mandated Time of Use Pricing
for Regulated Price Plan Consumers
EnWin Utilities Ltd.
EB-2010-0367
Dated January 18, 2011

Board Staff question 1

Preamble

In its application, EnWin Utilities Ltd. ("EnWin") states that it is seeking an exemption from its June 2011 TOU date and requesting a new TOU date of December 2012.

Questions

- a) Please confirm the current status of EnWin's smart meter deployment and TOU implementation, including its progress on the ten milestones reported on each month.
- b) Please identify the dates, and the number of RPP consumers on each of these dates, by which EnWin will begin billing its RPP consumers on a TOU basis, if the request for a new mandatory TOU dates is granted.
- c) Please explain why EnWin has not yet submitted project plans with the Smart Metering Entity ("SME") confirming dates for enrolment testing.
- d) Please describe in detail EnWin's plan for enrolling with the MDM/R (Meter Data Management and Repository).
- e) Please describe in detail the consequences of the delays on the costs of the EnWin's smart meter and TOU implementation plan.

Board Staff question 2

Preamble

EnWin states in its application that it does not have the "resource capabilities to move to SAP CIS and move to TOU in the PeopleSoft CIS simultaneously" and that it has requested an exemption "due to the time required in implementing a new customer information system." EnWin stated further that it "expects that SAP CIS development will take from September 2010 until early 2012."

Questions

- a) Please explain in detail why EnWin decided to develop a SAP CIS rather than retaining its PeopleSoft CIS.
- b) Please indicate the date, including documentation, when EnWin decided to develop a SAP CIS.
- c) Please indicate the date, including documentation, when EnWin determined that it did not have the “resource capabilities to move to SAP CIS and move to TOU in the PeopleSoft CIS simultaneously”.
- d) Please indicate the dates when EnWin selected, began and finalized contract negotiations with its SAP CIS implementer.
- e) Please describe in detail, including timelines and documentation from EnWin’s CIS implementer, how EnWin came to expect that SAP CIS development will take from September 2010 until early 2012.
- f) Please indicate the current status of EnWin’s SAP CIS development, including information regarding whether it is on time and on budget.

Board Staff question 3

Preamble

In EnWin’s 2009 Cost of Service application (EB-2008-0227), ENWIN applied for, and received approval for, an increase in their smart meter adder from \$0.27 to \$1.00. In the same proceeding, ENWIN estimated that it would install approximately 40,000 Smart Meters in the 2009 test year. (Ex. 5, T. 2, Sch. 2) and estimated that the total incremental expenditure for Smart Metering in the 2009 test year would be approximately \$7,336,100. (Ex. 5, T. 2, Sch. 2).

Questions

- a) Please provide EnWin’s original plan for Smart Meter installation and TOU implementation at the time of its 2009 Cost of Service application.
- b) Please describe the state of EnWin arrangements with its smart meter vendor and installer on the date that it submitted its 2009 Cost of Service application to the Board (September 18, 2008).

- c) Please describe the state of EnWin arrangements with its smart meter vendor and installer on the date that the decision and order for its 2009 Cost of Service application was issued by the Board (April 9, 2009).
- d) Please indicate how much EnWin collected from its customers in smart meter adder funding in 2009 and in 2010.
- e) Please indicate how much EnWin spent on smarting metering and TOU implementation in 2009 and in 2010.

Board Staff question 4

Preamble

EnWin states in its application that it suspended its 2009 advanced metering infrastructure deployment ("AMI") plan, which included the installation of approximately 40,000 Smart Meters as approved in its 2009 Cost of Service application, because of the passage of the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009* ("GEA").

Questions

- a) Please provide the date on which EnWin made the decision to suspend its original 2009 AMI deployment plan, including supporting documentation.
- b) Please provide the specific date when EnWin first informed the Board of its decision to suspend its original AMI deployment plan, including supporting documentation.
- c) Is EnWin aware of any Ontario electricity distributors that suspended or delayed smart meter deployment and TOU implementation plans for the same GEA-related reasons as EnWin? If so, please indicate the specific electricity distributors.
- d) When EnWin made the decision to suspend its original 2009 AMI deployment plan how did it take into account the number of smart meters that had already been installed by electricity distributors in Ontario at that time?
- e) Please provide the reasons for and specific date when EnWin determined that it would resume Smart Meter installation and TOU implementation, including documentation.
- f) Please indicate the date and describe how the London Hydro Consortium RFP process identified Sensus as EnWin's best smart meter vendor option.

- g) Please indicate the dates when EnWin selected, began and finalized contract negotiations with its smart meter vendor.
- h) Please indicate the dates when EnWin selected, began and finalized contract negotiations with its smart meter installer.

Board Staff question 5

Preamble

EnWin states in its application that it filed a baseline plan with the Board.

Questions

- a) Please explain in detail the planning components of EnWin's Baseline Report filed on July 6, 2009 for implementing TOU billing for RPP-eligible consumers.

Board Staff question 6

Preamble

EnWin states in its application that "Input from the SME and other LDCs has also helped EnWin come to a better understanding about the MDM/R enrolment process. EnWin's understanding is that it would take approximately 10 months to become TOU-ready and another several weeks to roll-out TOU across its numerous billing cycles."

- a) Please indicate the date when EnWin sought input from the SME regarding the MDM/R enrolment process, including any documentation.
- b) Are there any other factors (internal and/or external) that EnWin has considered in making this application?
- c) Are there any other factors (internal and/or external) that EnWin has identified that may hinder its ability to comply with its requested mandatory TOU dates?