



# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

## **BOARD STAFF SUBMISSION**

**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**

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## **BACKGROUND**

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (“CNPI”) filed an application dated November 9, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) for a licence amendment on behalf of all FortisOntario Utilities, including CNPI – Fort Erie, CNPI – Port Colbourne, CNPI – Gananoque, Algoma Power Inc., Grimsby Power Inc., and Westario Power Inc. (collectively “the applicants” or “FortisOntario Utilities”) granting an exemption in relation to the mandated date for the implementation of Time-of-Use (“TOU”) pricing rates for Regulated Price Plan consumers.

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 Fort Colbourne and Fort Erie wish to be exempt from their current TOU date of December 2011 and request 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 request a new TOU date of December 2011. Due to Algoma Power Inc.’s recent acquisition by FortisOntario Inc. they require a lengthier process to transition to the customer information billing system and implement TOU pricing. Algoma Power Inc. has requested an exemption from their June 2011 TOU date and a new date of June 2012.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on December 17, 2010.

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

## **STAFF SUBMISSION**

Having reviewed the application and evidence, Board staff has no issue with the FortisOntario Utilities’ request for an exemption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.