



February 1st, 2011

Ms. Kirstin Walli
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Ontario Energy Board
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**Re: Reply to Board Staff Interrogatories.
EB-2010-0372**

Dear Ms. Walli:

Please find attached Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.'s reply to Board Staff Interrogatories.

Should there be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Yours truly,

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**Coopérative Hydro Embrun Inc Responses
Application for Exemption from Mandated Time of Use Pricing
Date for Regulated Price Plan Consumers
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.
EB-2010-0372
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Board Staff question 1

Preamble

Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. states in its application that it is seeking to change its mandatory TOU pricing date to October 2011. Its current mandatory TOU pricing date is June 2011.

Questions

a) Please confirm the current status of Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.'s smart meter deployment and TOU implementation, including its progress on the ten milestones reported on each month.

The status of the meter deployment is 100%.

See Appendix 1 for the Progress on the ten milestones.

b) Please describe in detail the factors that Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. considered in making this application.

In discussions with the SME it was decided that it would be best for all the utilities that are sharing the MAS to coordinate the SME enrollment on the same schedule. Cooperative Hydro Embrun is asking the Board to be transferred from June 2011 (Appendix C, OEB letter dated August 4, 2010) to October 2011 (Appendix E- Hydro 2000, Ottawa River Power Corporation) following the recommendation of SME personnel. The current plan submitted to the SME was the same of Hydro 2000 and Ottawa River Power Corporation for reasons of economy, organizations and training.

c) Please identify the dates, and the number of RPP consumers on each date, by which Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. will begin billing its RPP consumers on a TOU basis, if its request for a new mandatory TOU date is granted.

If we are granted a new mandatory TOU date we are looking to start billing 1789 clients on October 1, 2011.

Board Staff question 2

Preamble

Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. states in its application that it “has used a neighboring LDC, Ottawa River Power for billing number of years and plans to share resources for the implementation of TOU. To this end we will be using the AMI (Elster MAS) of ORPC for obtaining meter readings and the CIS (Harris NorthStar) at Ottawa River Power.”

Questions

a) Please describe in detail the events, including timelines, which occurred since Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. submitted its baseline plan to the Board that are causing it to request a change to its mandatory TOU date.

We have not started our unit testing which is due for March 8, 2011, we are still attending courses to implement the changes needed to have the connectivity with the MDMR before starting TOU billing.

b) Please describe in detail the consequences of the delays on the costs of Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.’s TOU implementation plan.

There are no cost consequences associated with this delay.

c) Are there any other factors (internal and/or external) Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. has identified that may hinder its ability to comply with its requested mandatory TOU date?

There are no other factors that would hinder our current plan to implement TOU in October 2011. Cooperative Hydro Embrun is confident that our plan to implement TOU by this date can be achieved.