



EB-2011-0007

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

Application by Veridian Connections Inc. and Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. for Long Term Load Transfer and Service Area Licence Amendments

The Application

Veridian Connections Inc. ("Veridian") and Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. ("Lakeland Power") have filed a joint application with the Ontario Energy Board under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B, for an order of the Board:

- (a) amending the distribution service areas of Veridian and Lakeland Power to reflect the transfer of 15 customers from Veridian to Lakeland Power;

The Board has assigned file number EB-2011-0007 to the application. The application will be decided by the Counsel, Special Projects, who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the Act. The Counsel, Special Projects, does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding this application.

Section 6.5.4 of the Distribution System Code

Section 6.5.4 of the DSC deals with long term load transfer ("LTLT") arrangements. A load transfer is a situation in which a customer is located in the licensed service area of one distributor (the "geographic distributor") but is physically served electricity by another distributor (the "physical distributor"). Section 6.5.4 of the DSC requires geographic distributors to eliminate their LTLT arrangements before June 30, 2014. This can be accomplished by either negotiating the transfer of the customers to the physical distributor or by the geographic distributor extending its system to connect the customers.

Service Area Amendments

According to the application, the service area amendment is being sought in order to eliminate the LTLT arrangement between Veridian and Lakeland Power through the transfer of 15 customers to the physical distributor. The applicant states that the service area amendment is the most cost efficient approach to eliminate this existing LTLT arrangement.

The customers proposed to be transferred to Lakeland Power are currently located within Veridian's service area but physically supplied by Lakeland Power. Presently, the customers are considered Veridian customers and charged Veridian's rates. The proposed amendment, if granted, will result in the customers becoming customers of Lakeland Power and being subject to Lakeland Power's distribution rates which are lower than Veridian's distribution rates according to the application. The customers are located along Morrow Drive and Campbell's Road in Gravenhurst, Ontario.

How to See Veridian and Lakeland Power's Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, www.oeb.gov.on.ca/OEB/Industry. Copies can also be viewed at Veridian's office and Lakeland Power's office at the addresses indicated below as well as on their respective websites.

How to Participate in the Hearing

The Board intends to proceed with this matter by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any objections to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant within **10 days** of publication or service of this notice.

If you wish to participate in the written hearing, please file a written submission setting out your views on the application with the Board and deliver it to the applicant no later than **21 days** after publication or service of this notice.

If the applicant wishes to respond to the submission(s), the written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to any party that made submissions no later than **28 days** after publication or service of this notice.

All written submissions sent to the Board will be placed on the public record, which means that the written submissions will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

If the written submission is from a private citizen (i.e., not a lawyer representing a client, not a consultant representing a client or organization, not an individual in an organization that represents the interests of consumers or other groups, and not an individual from a regulated entity), before placing the written submission on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the written submission (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the written submission will become part of the public record.

As stated elsewhere in this notice, you must provide a complete copy of your written submission (including your name, contact information, and everything written in the submission) to the applicant.

How to File Documents with the Board

If you already have a user ID, please submit your submission through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. Additionally, two paper copies are required. For instructions on how to file and naming conventions, please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca, e-Filing Services. Those who do not have internet access are asked to submit their submission on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies. You may also send your submission by post or e-mail to the addresses below.

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2011-0007 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your document. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

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