

EB-2010-0135

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2011.

PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 2 and ORDER FOR INTERIM RATES

Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. ("Kenora Hydro") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 1, 2010 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Kenora Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011. The Board has assigned the File Number EB-2010-0135 to this application.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on November 23, 2010. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for and was granted intervenor status and cost eligibility.

Pursuant to Procedural Order No.1, issued on December 20, 2010, Board staff and VECC filed interrogatories. Kenora Hydro notified the Board on January 27, 2011 that it would be unable to file the interrogatory responses by the date specified in Procedural Order No. 1 (January 31, 2011) and was planning to file them by February 11, 2011. Kenora Hydro filed the responses on February 10, 2011.

The Board has determined that this proceeding will continue by way of a written hearing. The Board has decided to make provision at this time for a round of written

supplemental interrogatories followed by written submissions by Board staff and VECC. The record will close with a reply submission by Kenora Hydro.

Kenora Hydro's current rates interim, effective May 1, 2011, in the event that the Board's Rate Order for this proceeding would not be issued by May 1, 2011. In light of the schedule outlined in this procedural order, the Board finds this request reasonable. In declaring Kenora Hydro's current rates interim, the Board emphasizes that this order for interim rates should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the final determination of this Application.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The currently approved rates of Kenora Hydro are declared interim as of May 1, 2011 and until such time as a final rate order is issued by the Board.
- 2. Board staff and VECC may request information and material from Kenora Hydro that is in addition to Kenora Hydro's responses to interrogatories filed on February 10, 2011, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written supplemental interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Kenora Hydro on or before March 2, 2011. Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the evidence on the record to which each interrogatory pertains.
- 3. Kenora Hydro shall file with the Board complete responses to all supplemental interrogatories and deliver them to VECC no later than March 11, 2011.
- 4. Board staff may file a submission with the Board and deliver it to Kenora Hydro and VECC no later than March 29, 2011.
- 5. VECC may file a submission with the Board and deliver it to Kenora Hydro no later than April 5, 2011.

6. Kenora Hydro, may file a reply submission addressing any issues raised in any submissions filed by Board staff or VECC no later than April 19, 2011.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2010-0135, be made through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. If the web portal is not available you may email your document to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

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.

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