Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'energie de l'Ontario



EB-2010-0345

**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 Niagara West Transformation Corporation seeking approval of 2011 revenue requirement and changes to the uniform transmission rates for 2011.

## **PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3**

An application dated November 9, 2010 (the "Application") was filed by Niagara West Transformation Corporation ("NWTC" or the "Applicant") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, 1998 S.O.c.15, (Schedule B). The application was assigned Board File No. EB-2010-0345.

The as filed Application seeks an Order of the Board approving changes to its 2011 transmission revenue requirement, and approving inclusion in, and an update to the provincial uniform transmission rate that is charged for electricity transmission transformation, to be effective March 1, 2011. The Board issued a Notice of Application and Written Hearing on December 6, 2010.

On January 12, 2011, the Board issued Procedural Order No.1, granting intervention status to Hydro One Networks Inc. and the Independent Electricity System Operator, and provided a schedule for a first round of interrogatories

On February 24, 2011, Hydro One filed a letter with the Board indicating that some interrogatories were incompletely answered, and other interrogatory responses raised even further questions, and it therefore requested an opportunity to clarify and follow-up on some of the responses provided by NWTC.

The Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 on April 6, 2011, advising all parties that additional discovery would be provided through a technical conference commencing Tuesday, April 26, 2011. The Board has since received an E-mail from the Applicant on April 11, 2011 requesting a change to the technical conference date due to scheduling conflicts.

The Board will reschedule the technical conference to accommodate the Applicant at which the relevant issues in this proceeding can be examined further. The technical conference will serve as a form of oral discovery where parties can question a witness (or panel of witnesses) provided by the applicant. The conference will be transcribed and form an integral part of the record. No Board members will be present at the technical conference.

Further information may be required in the form of undertakings to the parties to be provided at or immediately following the technical conference.

The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

## THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

A Technical Conference will be held at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto on the 25th floor in the West Hearing Room commencing **Wednesday**, **May 11, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** and continuing, if necessary, on **Thursday**, **May 12, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.** 

All filings to the Board must quote file number **EB-2010-0345**, be made through the Board's web portal at <u>www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>, 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 <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>. 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 in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All filings should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date. Parties must also include the Case Manager, Edik Zwarenstein at edik.zwarenstein@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Michael Millar at michael.millar@ontarioenergyboard.ca in all electronic correspondence related to this case.

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DATED at Toronto on April 13, 2011

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