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April 20, 2011

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Kingston Hydro Corporation - Exemption from Mandated Time-of-Use Pricing Date for Regulated Price Plan Consumers
Board File No.: EB-2011-0084**

Please find enclosed Board Staff interrogatories respecting the above application.

Please forward the interrogatories along with this cover letter to the applicant in this proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

George Dimitropoulos
Analyst, Licence Applications

Attachment

Board Staff Interrogatories
Application for Exemption from Mandated Time of Use Pricing
Date for Regulated Price Plan Consumers
Kingston Hydro Corporation
EB-2011-0084
Dated April 20, 2011

Board Staff question 1

Preamble

Kingston Hydro Corporation (“Kingston Hydro”) filed an application dated March 17, 2011 with the Ontario Energy Board for a licence amendment granting an exemption in relation to the mandated date for the implementation of Time-of-Use (“TOU”) pricing rates for Regulated Price Plan (“RPP”) consumers.

Kingston Hydro has applied for an exemption from their June 2011 mandatory TOU pricing date and requested a new date of October 2011. Kingston Hydro states it has been impacted by the required implementation of new customer service standards and the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit causing testing to fall behind schedule. In addition, Kingston Hydro states the extended date would allow a gradual implementation of a smaller number of customers for initial billing cycles to facilitate a smooth transition.

Questions

- a) Please confirm the status of Kingston Hydro’s smart meter deployment and TOU implementation as of April 1, 2011.
- b) Please specify and describe in detail the extraordinary and unanticipated circumstances that have led Kingston Hydro to request an extension to its mandatory TOU pricing date, including the impact on Kingston Hydro’s implementation schedule from “new Customer Service Standards” and the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit.
- c) Please provide the details of and rationale for the smart meter deployment and TOU implementation plan associated with Kingston Hydro’s requested mandatory TOU pricing date, including the billing cycle dates (and number of customers on each billing date) when customers will begin to be billed on a TOU basis.
- a) Are there any other factors (internal and/or external) that Kingston Hydro has identified that may hinder its ability to comply with their requested mandatory TOU date?