

EB-2007-0816

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** the Independent Electricity System Operator Fiscal 2008 Fees Submission for Review.

#### PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

#### BACKGROUND

On November 2, 2007, the Independent Electricity System Operator (the "IESO") filed its proposed Fiscal 2008 Fees Submission for Review with the Ontario Energy Board for review in accordance with sections 18 and 19 of the *Electricity Act, 1998*. The Board assigned file number EB-2007-0816 to this matter.

The Board issued a Notice of Application ("Notice") dated December 12, 2007 with respect to this matter. A draft issues list, prepared by Board staff, was included with the Notice and potential intervenors were given the opportunity to provide comments on the draft.

An intervenor list is attached as Appendix "A" to this Procedural Order.

On December 17, 2007, the Board issued an interim fees order to allow the IESO to implement its proposed reduced fee starting January 1, 2008, pending a final decision in this proceeding.

Two of the intervenors, VECC and Energy Probe, provided comments on the draft issues list with their letters of intervention dated December 21, 2007 and December 24, 2007 respectively. The IESO responded to the intervenor comments in a letter dated January 4, 2007.

The Board has considered the draft issues list as well as the comments from intervenors and the IESO and has finalized the issues list for this proceeding (attached as Appendix B).

The Board will consider the need for an oral hearing at a later date.

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

#### THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The issues for this proceeding are as set out in Appendix "B" attached to this Order.
- 2. In lieu of a written interrogatory process, a technical conference will be held at 2300 Yonge, Toronto on the 25<sup>th</sup> floor in the West Hearing Room on **Monday February 11, 2008 from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM.** At this conference, the IESO will provide a brief overview of its pre-filed evidence and there will be an opportunity for questions by Intervenors and Board staff. The technical conference will be transcribed.
- If the IESO staff is unable to provide complete and satisfactory answers to
  questions raised at the technical conference, Intervenors may seek undertakings
  for the IESO to provide written responses to all Intervenors and Board Staff by
  Tuesday February 19, 2008.
- 4. A Settlement Conference will be held at 2300 Yonge, Toronto on the 25<sup>th</sup> floor in the West Hearing Room commencing **Tuesday February 26, 2008** from **9:30 AM to 5:00 PM** and continuing, if necessary, on **Wednesday February 27, 2008** at **9:30 AM**.

ISSUED at Toronto, January 24, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

#### **APPENDIX "A"**

## INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM OPERATOR 2007 FEES SUBMISSION FOR REVIEW EB-2007-0816

**APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENTIONS** 

#### INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM OPERATOR

## 2008 FEES SUBMISSION FOR REVIEW EB-2007-0816

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# APPENDIX "B" INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM OPERATOR 2007 FEES SUBMISSION FOR REVIEW EB-2007-0816

**BOARD – APPROVED ISSUES LIST** 

#### INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM OPERATOR ("IESO")

#### FISCAL 2008 FEES SUBMISSION FOR REVIEW

#### **BOARD – APPROVED ISSUES LIST**

#### EB-2007-0816

#### 1.0 Operating Cost

- 1.1 Are the IESO's projected OM&A Costs reasonable?
- 1.2 Are the IESO's projected staff costs and strategy for setting compensation levels appropriate and reasonable?
- 1.3 The IESO's third quarter 2007 financial statements indicate that the IESO holds \$23.1 million of illiquid Asset-Backed Commercial Paper on which neither principal nor interest has been paid. What are the implications of this ABCP for the IESO's 2008 revenue requirement?

#### 2.0 Capital Spending

- 2.1 Are the projected expenditures including \$8 million in 2008 and \$8 million in 2009 on Day-Ahead Market ("DAM") appropriate and reasonable?
- 2.2 What is the level of IESO commitment to DAM and is this sufficient for funding approval?
- 2.3 Is the proposed schedule for the DAM initiative reasonable? (Approval of DAM by the IESO Board by late 2007 or early 2008, capital work to start in 2008 and DAM to be operational in 2009).

#### 3.0 Smart Metering Initiative

3.1 Is the IESO's process for separating of costs associated with its role as the Smart Metering Entity from costs incurred as the System Operator appropriate?

#### 4.0 Benchmarking

3.2 Are the IESO's proposed cost categories for comparison to its peers appropriate for improving operational efficiency?

#### 5.0 Reliability

5.1 Are the IESO's proposed 2008 measures to address reliability appropriate and costeffective?

#### 6.0 Undertakings from 2007 Fees Submission

- 6.1 Has the IESO complied with its undertakings and obligations?
- 6.2 Do any of the IESO's actions described in its November 2, 2007 Status Report on obligations and undertakings have implications for 2008 fees which should be reviewed in the current proceeding?