Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0219

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application De Beers Canada Inc. for an electricity wholesaler licence.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

INTERIM DECISION AND ORDER

De Beers Canada Inc. ("De Beers") filed an application on June 3, 2011 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act") for an electricity wholesaler licence. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2011-0219.

De Beers is currently purchasing electricity in the IESO-administered markets. As prescribed under section 57 of the Act, all entities purchasing electricity in that market are required to hold a licence. De Beers was previously licensed by the Board under the electricity wholesaler licence EW-2005-0514 and it expired on November 17, 2010. De Beers requested an interim licence until final determination of the current licence application.

In view of the time required to process an application in accordance with the Board's established practice and procedures, and De Beers' need for a licence to carry out activities as an electricity wholesaler to support its business operations, it has been found to be in the public interest to issue an interim order under sections 21(7) and 6(4)

of the Act granting a short-term electricity wholesaler licence to the applicant pending final disposition of the matter.

De Beers is reminded that this interim decision does not constitute a final decision on the application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. An electricity wholesaler licence is granted to De Beers Canada Inc. on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.
- 2. The licence will be valid until October 15, 2011, or until the final determination of the electricity wholesaler licence application, whichever is earlier.

DATED at Toronto, June 16, 2011.

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