

**Ontario Energy
Board**
P.O. Box 2319
27th Floor
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto ON M4P 1E4
Telephone: 416- 481-1967
Facsimile: 416- 440-7656
Toll free: 1-888-632-6273

**Commission de l'énergie
de l'Ontario**
C.P. 2319
27e étage
2300, rue Yonge
Toronto ON M4P 1E4
Téléphone; 416- 481-1967
Télécopieur: 416- 440-7656
Numéro sans frais: 1-888-632-6273



BY EMAIL

June 24, 2011

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
27th Floor
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Board Staff Interrogatories
Electricity Transmission Licence Application EB-2011-0126
AltaLink Ontario Management Ltd. on behalf of AltaLink Ontario L.P.**

Please find enclosed Board Staff Interrogatories for the above mentioned proceeding.

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

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Irina Kuznetsova
Case Manager

Attachment

Board Staff Interrogatories

**Electricity Transmission Licence
Application**

**AltaLink Ontario Management Ltd. on behalf of
AltaLink Ontario L.P. (“AltaLink”)**

EB-2011-0126

June 24, 2011

1. Reference: Application, Section 5. Technical Ability

AltaLink states that it intends to contract its affiliate SNC-Lavalin Inc. to design and construct the transmission facilities. Will the same technical resources be employed to address technical matters related to the operation and maintenance of the transmission facilities? If not, please describe Altalink's plans.

2. Reference: Application, Section 7. Financial Information

a) In its decision granting a transmission licence to Chatham-Kent Transmission Inc. (EB-2010-0351), the Board indicated that in a licensing application, it would "review to some degree the applicant's financial status [and] its potential for access to further financial resources". Please describe AltaLink's plans for financing any Ontario transmission facilities it may construct, including its potential for access to any necessary further financial resources.

b) AltaLink has provided the financial statements of AltaLink Investments, L.P. in support of its financial position, as AltaLink is a newly created entity for which financial statements have not yet been prepared. In these circumstances, the Board may require a parental guarantee. Please confirm that AltaLink Investments, L.P. has reviewed the Board's standard parental guarantee form and that AltaLink Investments, L.P. is prepared to sign the guarantee, should the Board consider such assurance necessary.

3. Request for Temporary Exemptions

a) In the EB-2010-0351 decision, the Board stated "The Board is generally very reluctant to grant exemptions to its Code provisions." The Board has not yet granted to any transmission licence applicant a broadly based temporary exemption such as that sought by AltaLink. It is possible that the Board may deny the exemption request. Please indicate if AltaLink would wish to be licensed if the Board granted a licence without the temporary exemption.

b) AltaLink has provided illustrative examples of provisions that should not apply to a licensed transmitter who presently neither owns nor operates transmission

facilities in Ontario. With respect to the *Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Transmitters and Distributors*, and the *Transmission System Code*, please indicate what provisions in these codes, if any, should apply to such licensed transmitters before the Designation Date.

- c) As an illustrative example of the licence conditions from which AltaLink should be temporarily exempt, the application states that AltaLink should not be obligated to enter into an Operating Agreement with the IESO until the Designation Date. Has AltaLink discussed this proposed exemption with the IESO? If yes, what was the IESO's response?