



July 6, 2011

Ms, Kristen Walli, Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Coopérative Hydro Embrun Inc. Application for an Extension of Mandates Time-of-Use Date

Coopérative Hydro Embrun Inc. applied for an exemption from its mandated TOU date of June 2011 and requested a new date of October , 2011 EB-2010-0372.

The order said “Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. distribution license ED-2002-0493, specifically Schedule 3 List of Code Exemption, is amended to include an exemption from the requirement to apply time-of-use pricing by a mandatory date under the Standard Supply service Code for Electricity Distributors. This exemption will expire on October 31, 2011”.
(EB-2010-0372 Attached-Appendix A)

In the previous application (EB-2010-0372) Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. decided it would be in its best interest to coordinate its SME enrollment with Ottawa River Power Corporation’s enrollment schedule (October 2011).

In its August 24, 2010 letter, the Board acknowledged that distributors may encounter extraordinary and unanticipated circumstances during the implementation of TOU pricing and impact on the distributor’s mandatory TOU date and whether any adjustment in that date may be warranted. While Cooperative Hydro Embrun has made significant progress in meeting this mandatory date, there remain a few issues that have led to delays in the corporation’s TOU implementation schedule. Therefore Cooperative Hydro Embrun is respectfully requesting an extension of mandated TOU pricing until January 2012 as has Ottawa River Power Corporation, for reasons of economy, organisation and training. Also find attached, the SME update filing of July 2011(Appendix B).

Cooperative Hydro Embrun has presently deployed 100% of all RPP customers. To date Cooperative Hydro Embrun has completed AMCC Internal Testing (Cooperative Hydro Embrun shares and lease the Ottawa River Power Corporation AMCC), CIS Internal Testing, MDMR Registration and the completion of the Self Certification for Enrolment Testing. As well, Cooperative Hydro Embrun has finished System Integration Testing (SIT) in mid-June and will start Qualification Testing (QT) on July 7, 2011. In order to be successful in implementing TOU pricing the following three items should be completed prior to Self Certification – Cutover:

1- Customer Transition to TOU Rates

While Cooperative Hydro Embrun has been preparing its customers for the introduction of TOU rates through published information, public meeting and bills inserts, significant customer distress is expected when customers are suddenly faced with larger bills resulting, in part, from their lack of experience in managing electricity consumption in a TOU environment. A period covering a number of billing cycles is essential to enable Cooperative Hydro Embrun to work with its customers to adapt to the new billing reality. Cooperative Hydro Embrun plans to provide parallel billing information to its customers so they can modify their pattern of energy usage and thus mitigate the impact of potential bill increases.

2- Upgrade of the AMI System of Ottawa River Power Corporation

ORPC uses the Elster AMI system to collect the customers' TOU energy usage data and deliver it to the IESO for central processing. Currently ORPC is using version 6.2, but must upgrade to version 7.5 to meet the requirements of Measurement Canada. The upgrade is planned for the summer period (July/August 2011). ORPC is carrying out the IESO implementation with us (Cooperative Hydro Embrun), Renfrew Hydro and Hydro 2000. Therefore, version 7.5 conversion from ORPC has to be coordinated with all the utilities' SIT and QT testing. When we (Renfrew, Cooperative Hydro Embrun and Hydro 2000) have completed testing the conversion of the AMI system can be undertaken and then the system must be extensively tested before full implementation of TOU pricing.

3- Upgrade of the IESO System

Cooperative Hydro Embrun will also have to re-complete SIT and QT testing after the IESO completes their system upgrade to version 7.2 that is expected in November 2011.

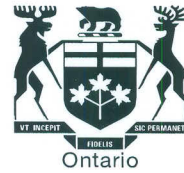
For these reasons, Cooperative Hydro Embrun respectfully request that the Board grant approval for a revised mandatory TOU implementation end-date of January 2012. This will have no material impact on the costs of Cooperative Hydro Embrun smart meter and TOU implementation plan.

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Benoit Lamarche
Manager
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.

Ontario Energy
Board

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EB-2010-0372

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application pursuant to section
74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* by Cooperative
Hydro Embrun Inc. seeking an exemption from their Mandated
Time-of-Use Pricing Date.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. ("Cooperative Embrun") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on December 6, 2010, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking an exemption from their mandated time-of-use ("TOU") pricing date for Regulated Price Plan ("RPP") customers. The Board assigned file number EB-2010-0372 to the application.

BACKGROUND

Under cover of a letter to all Ontario electricity distributors dated August 4, 2010, the Ontario Energy Board provided its determination of mandatory dates by which each distributor must bill those of its RPP customers that have eligible TOU meters using TOU pricing. The Board's determination was made pursuant to sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the Standard Supply Service Code for Electricity Distributors, which requires TOU pricing for RPP consumers with eligible TOU meters, as of the mandatory date. Compliance with this Code is a condition of licence for nearly all licensed electricity distributors in Ontario.

THE APPLICATION

Cooperative Embrun applied for an exemption from its mandated TOU date of June 2011 and requested a new date of October 2011. Cooperative Embrun shares billing resources with Ottawa River Power Corporation ("Ottawa River"). In accordance with the recommendation of Smart Metering Entity ("SME") personnel, Cooperative Embrun is requesting an extension to its mandated TOU pricing date to align with Ottawa River's TOU schedule.

Cooperative Embrun states in its application that it has completed smart meter installation for all customers. Cooperative Embrun indicates that it will be using Ottawa River's Advanced Metering Infrastructure for obtaining meter readings and Ottawa River's customer information system for TOU pricing. Following discussions with the SME, Cooperative Embrun decided it would be best to coordinate its SME enrollment with Ottawa River's enrollment schedule. Ottawa River has a mandated TOU pricing date of October 2011. For reasons of economy, organization and training, Cooperative Embrun requested the same mandatory TOU pricing date.

In response to interrogatories Cooperative Embrun states there are no cost consequences to this delay in TOU implementation.

The Notice of Application and Written Hearing for Cooperative Embrun's application was issued on January 10, 2011, and interrogatories and submissions on the application were invited. The applicant responded to interrogatories filed by Board staff, providing more information about the delays and progress to date in implementing TOU pricing. Board staff filed a submission on the application stating it had no issues with the request for exemption. The applicant did not respond to the submission.

BOARD FINDINGS

I find the application should be granted. Cooperative Embrun will be exempted from the requirement to apply TOU pricing under the Standard Supply Service Code until October 31, 2011.

Cooperative Embrun has taken the responsible step of seeking an exemption from the Board well in advance of its mandated TOU date. The reasons given in the application

for missing the original date are credible and supported by the evidence filed with the application. The applicant is coordinating the SME enrollment and sharing efficiencies for TOU billing with Ottawa River, and therefore will complete the process on the same mandatory TOU pricing date as Ottawa River. The applicant has provided assurance that there are no other factors that would cause further delay in its implementation of TOU pricing. Cooperative Embrun has made a considerable effort towards completing TOU pricing implementation, and has completed 100% of its smart meter deployment to its customers. I find that the efforts made by Cooperative Embrun to date, and the efficiencies to be achieved by its co-ordination with Ottawa River are sufficient to justify an extension of Cooperative Embrun's mandatory TOU pricing date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.'s distribution licence ED-2002-0493, specifically Schedule 3 List of Code Exemptions, is amended to include an exemption from the requirement to apply time-of-use pricing by a mandatory date under the Standard Supply Service Code for Electricity Distributors. This exemption will expire on October 31, 2011.

DATED at Toronto, March 28, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Jennifer Lea
Counsel, Special Projects

"Appendix B"

Summary

Distributor Name

Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.

For the Period From

June 1, 2011

For the Period To

June 30, 2011

First Submitted On

Submitter Name

Benoit Lamarche

Status

Work-in-Progress

Due Date

July 11, 2011

RRR Filing No

16

Report Version

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Edit Date

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Expiry Date

July 12, 2011

RPP Eligible Consumers:

Description	Residential Class	General Service Less Than 50kW Class	Total
Total Number of RPP-eligible consumers	1,599	161	1,760
Number of smart meters installed in the period	0	0	0
Number of smart meters registered with the MDM/R in the period	0	0	0
Number of RPP consumers being charged TOU prices added in the period	0	0	0
Total cumulative number of smart meters installed in the service area at the end of the period	1,599	183	1,782
Total cumulative number of smart meters registered with the MDM/R at the end of the period	0	0	0
Total cumulative number of consumers being charged TOU prices at the end of the period	0	0	0

Percentages (Calculated on Save)

Percentage of RPP-eligible consumers with smart meters installed at the end of the period

Residential Class	General Service Less Than 50kW Class	Total
100.00	113.70	101.30





Percentage of total smart meters installed that are registered with the MDM/R at the end of the period





Residential Class	General Service Less Than 50kW Class	Total
0.00	0.00	0.00




Percentage of total RPP-eligible consumers being charged TOU prices at the end of the period





Residential Class	General Service Less Than 50kW Class	Total
0.00	0.00	0.00





Progress Report on SME Milestones





Activity	Original Scheduled Completion Date	Status	Expected Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
1. AMCC Internal Testing	January 20, 2010 	Comp 	January 20, 2010 	January 20, 2010 

Activity	Original Scheduled Completion Date	Status	Expected Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
2. CIS Internal Testing	December 24, 2010 	Comp 	January 12, 2011 	January 12, 2011 

Activity	Yes or No?	Expected Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
3. MDM/R Registration Application submitted	Yes 	July 23, 2010 	July 23, 2010 

Activity	Yes or No?	Status, if Yes	Expected Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
4. Enrolment Wave requested and confirmed (Note: the SME will either confirm the requested start date or suggest an alternate)	Yes 	On Sch 	October 15, 2011 	October 15, 2011 

Activity	Original Scheduled Completion Date	Status	Expected Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
5. Unit Testing	March 8, 2011 	Comp 	June 17, 2011 	June 10, 2011 

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6. Submitted a completed Self Certification for Enrolment Testing SME_FORM_0007 (Note: This must be submitted at least one week prior to the confirmed enrolment wave start date)	March 8, 2011 	Comp 	June 17, 2011 	June 6, 2011 

Activity	Original Scheduled Completion Date	Status	Expected Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
7. System IntegrationTesting (SIT)	March 29, 2011 	Comp 	June 24, 2011 	June 23, 2011 

Activity	Original Scheduled	Status	Expected Completion	Actual Completion
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	Completion Date		Date	Date
8. Qualification Testing (QT)	May 15, 2011			

Activity	Original Scheduled Completion Date	Status	Expected Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
9. Self Certification - Cutover		Behind	July 29, 2011	

Activity	Original Scheduled Completion Date	Status	Expected Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
10. Transition to Production Operations	May 31, 2011	Behind	August 12, 2011	

Additional Comments and Information**Additional Comments**

Declaration: I confirm that the information contained in this report is true, accurate, and complete.
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