

**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



August 9, 2011

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Oakville Hydro Distribution Inc. – Extension to Mandated Time-of-Use
Pricing Date for Regulated Price Plan Consumers
Board File No.: EB-2011-0245**

Please find enclosed Board Staff's submission respecting the above application.

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

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Roy Hrab
Policy Advisor, Regulatory Policy

Attachment



ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

BOARD STAFF SUBMISSION

Application for Extension to Mandated Time of Use Pricing Date for Regulated Price Plan Consumers

Oakville Hydro Distribution Inc.

EB-2011-0245

August 9, 2011

BACKGROUND

Oakville Hydro Distribution Inc. ("Oakville Hydro") filed an application dated June 17, 2011 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) for a licence amendment granting an extension in relation to the mandated date for the implementation of time-of-use ("TOU") pricing rates for certain Regulated Price Plan ("RPP") consumers.

Oakville Hydro requested an extension to its mandated TOU pricing date of June 2011 and requested a new date of March 2012. Oakville Hydro states that it has identified a firmware problem with its commercial meters which will result in a delay in implementing TOU pricing for certain affected customers. Oakville Hydro states that this delay would affect 3,413 consumers in the General Service less than 50 kW rate class and 1,173 in the Residential rate class. Oakville Hydro states that the problem with the commercial meters will not affect the transition of the balance of Oakville Hydro's RPP consumers to TOU pricing.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on July 8, 2011. Board staff filed interrogatories on the application on July 26, 2011. Oakville Hydro responded to these interrogatories on August 4, 2011.

This submission is being provided by Board staff following a review of the application and evidence filed in this proceeding.

STAFF SUBMISSION

Having reviewed the application and evidence, Board staff supports Oakville Hydro's request as they are seeking an extension only for those customers with meters affected by the firmware problem.

All of which is respectfully submitted.