

EB-2011-0260

Notice of Application to Amend a Transmission Licence and Notice of Written Hearing TransCanada Power Transmission (Ontario) L.P.

TransCanada Power Transmission (Ontario) L.P. ("TransCanada Transmission") filed an application with the Board requesting an order of the Board to amend its Electricity Transmission licence ET-2011-0324 ("Licence") by changing the effective date of the Licence from June 22, 2011 to "the date upon which TransCanada Transmission applies to the Board to provide a prospective electricity transmission service." The applicant has indicated that a prospective transmission service would include applying to be designated under a transmission designation process conducted by the Board or applying to own or operate a transmission system.

Amending the effective date of the Licence would mean that TransCanada Transmission is not permitted to own or operate an electricity transmission system in Ontario, nor would it be bound by the conditions of the Licence, until it applies to the Board to provide prospective transmission service and the Licence is reinstated.

TransCanada Transmission has requested that the Board dispose of the application without a hearing. However, the Board has determined that the application is of potentially broad interest amongst licensed transmitters and those applying for a transmission licence, and it will therefore make provision for a written hearing. The Board notes that it has recently issued a letter, dated August 22, 2011, initiating a designation process.

The Board will make provision for written submissions from TransCanada Transmission and other interested parties. In particular, the Board is interested in submissions on the advantages and disadvantages of the following potential effective dates for the Licence:

- 1. June 22, 2011
- 2. The date that TransCanada Transmission registers its interest in a designation process, which in the recently announced designation process would be no later than September 21, 2011.
- The date TransCanada Transmission files evidence in a designation proceeding
- 4. The date TransCanada Transmission applies to own or operate a transmission system outside a designation proceeding.

TransCanada Transmission's submission must be filed with the Board by **September 6**, **2011** and provided to each party to whom the Board has directed TransCanada Transmission to serve this Notice. Other parties may file submissions on TransCanada Transmission's submission no later than **September 13**, **2011**. TransCanada Transmission may file a reply submission with the Board no later than **September 16**, **2011** and this must be provided to each party to whom the Board has directed TransCanada Transmission to serve this Notice.

The Board does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding this application.

Copies of the application will be available for public inspection at the Board's offices and website and at TransCanada Transmission's office.

How to participate in the hearing

The application will be decided by way of a written hearing.

If you wish to participate in this hearing you must forward two paper copies and an electronic copy in searchable PDF format of your written submission, to the Board by **September 13, 2011**. One copy must also be sent to TransCanada Transmission.

All submissions must quote file number EB-2011-0260, and clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

All written submissions sent to the Board will be placed on the public record, which means that the written submissions will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

If the written submission is from a private citizen (i.e., not a lawyer representing a client, not a consultant representing a client or organization, not an individual in an organization that represents the interests of consumers or other groups, and not an individual from a regulated entity), before placing the written submission on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the written submission (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the written submission will become part of the public record.

As stated elsewhere in this notice, you must provide a complete copy of your written submission (including your name, contact information, and everything written in the submission) to TransCanada Transmission.

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION OBJECTING TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING A WRITTEN SUBMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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