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August 31, 2011

Ms. Kirsten Walli
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Ottawa River Power Corporation, Hydro 2000 Inc., Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc., Renfrew Hydro Inc. – Extension to Mandated Time-of-Use Pricing Date for Regulated Price Plan Consumers
Board File No.: EB-2011-0255, EB-2011-0258, EB-2011-0259, EB-2011-0093**

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

George Dimitropoulos
Advisor, Licence Applications

Attachment



ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

BOARD STAFF SUBMISSION

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

**Ottawa River Power Corporation
Hydro 2000 Inc.
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.
Renfrew Hydro Inc.**

EB-2011-0255

EB-2011-0259

EB-2011-0258

EB-2011-0093

August 31, 2011

BACKGROUND

Ottawa River Power Corporation (“Ottawa River”), filed an application dated July 5, 2011 and Hydro 2000 Inc. (“Hydro 2000”) and Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. (“Cooperative Embrun”) (collectively “the applicants”) each filed separate applications dated July 7, 2011 with the Ontario Energy Board for licence amendments granting extensions in relation to the mandated date for the implementation of time-of-use (“TOU”) pricing rates for Regulated Price Plan consumers. Ottawa River’s application was assigned file number EB-2011-0255, Hydro 2000’s application was assigned file number EB-2011-0259 and Cooperative Embrun’s application was assigned file number EB-2011-0258.

Renfrew Hydro Inc. (“Renfrew Hydro”) filed an application dated April 1, 2011 with the Ontario Energy Board for a licence amendment granting an extension in relation to the mandated date for the implementation of TOU pricing rates for Regulated Price Plan consumers. Renfrew’s application was assigned file number EB-2011-0093. Renfrew Hydro applied for an extension to its June 2011 TOU pricing date and requested a new date of October 2011. On July 28, 2011 Renfrew Hydro filed an amendment to its application to align its requested TOU pricing date with that of the applicants due to its existing partnership with the applicants during MDM/R integration.

Ottawa River, Hydro 2000, and Cooperative Embrun each filed for an extension to their October 2011 mandated TOU pricing date and requested a new TOU pricing date of January 2012. The applicants each state the extension is necessary to prepare a customer transition to TOU rates, as well as jointly upgrade their AMI system and re-complete testing with the IESO once the IESO completes its system upgrade expected in November 2011.

The Board issued a collective Notice of Application and Written Hearing for the applicants’ applications on July 27, 2011. Board staff filed interrogatories on the applications on August 11, 2011. The applicants responded to these interrogatories on August 24, 2011.

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

STAFF SUBMISSION

Having reviewed the application and evidence, Board staff supports the applicants' and Renfrew Hydro's request for an extension to their TOU pricing dates.

All of which is respectfully submitted.