

EB-2007-0780

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Niagara West Transformation Corporation under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking renewal of its electricity transmitter licence.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

Niagara West Transformation Corporation ("NWTC") filed an application on September 25, 2007 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for renewal of its electricity transmitter licence.

As NWTC's existing licence was going to expire on September 29, 2007, NWTC requested that the term of its licence be extended. On September 28, 2007, the Board issued an interim order to extend the term of NWTC's licence until March 18, 2008, or the final determination of the renewal application, whichever was earlier.

BOARD FINDINGS

NWTC owns and operates a transmission station that provides power to the former Peninsula West Utilities Limited, now known as Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. and Grimsby Power Incorporated.

The applicant published a Notice of Application and Written Hearing on November 28, 2007. The applicant also served a copy of the notice on Hydro One Networks Inc. on November 23, 2007. No parties responded to the Notice of Application and Written Hearing.

In 2004, NWTC was issued a short term transmitter licence due to unresolved issues with respect to rates and the status of the entity. These issues remain unresolved. These issues are expected to be addressed following the Board's proceeding for the 2009 electricity transmission rates. Accordingly, I find it to be in the public interest to renew the short term electricity transmitter licence for another three-year term to NWTC.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The application by NWTC to renew its electricity transmitter licence is granted on such conditions as are contained in the licence.

DATED at Toronto, February 19, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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