

EB-2011-0273

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 Grimsby Power Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2012.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

Grimsby Power Inc. ("Grimsby" or "the Applicant") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on August 16, 2011 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Grimsby charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2012. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2011-0273.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated August 30, 2011. Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe") and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility. No objections were received regarding the applications for intervenor status.

The Board has determined that Energy Probe and VECC have been granted intervenor status. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Appendix A to this procedural order. The Board has also determined that Energy Probe and VECC are each eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice and Direction on Cost Awards*.

The Board has decided to make provision for written interrogatories, followed by a Technical Conference and a Settlement Conference. The Board is also making provision for an oral hearing for any unsettled issues. The Board will reassess the

appropriateness of an oral hearing as the record develops and as the results of the Settlement Conference are known.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Intervenors who wish information and material from Grimsby that is in addition to Grimsby's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Grimsby and all intervenors on or before October 7, 2011. Interrogatories from Board staff shall be submitted on or before October 4, 2011.
- Grimsby shall file with the Board complete written responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors no later than October 26, 2011.
- 3. A transcribed Technical Conference shall be convened on **November 14, 2011**, starting at 9:30 a.m. The Technical Conference will be held in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto. Parties participating in the Technical Conference are requested to file with the Board and copy Grimsby and all other parties, by **November 7, 2011**, questions or matters which they seek to address or seek clarification on at the Technical Conference.
- 4. Grimsby shall respond to any undertakings given at the Technical Conference on or before **November 18, 2011**.
- 5. A Settlement Conference will be convened on **November 23, 2011**, starting at 9:30 a.m., with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. The Settlement Conference will be held in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto, and may continue on **November 24, 2011**, if needed.
- 6. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board no later than **December 5, 2011**.

7. Should there be any unsettled issues arising from the Settlement Conference, an oral hearing will commence on **December 12, 2011** at 9:30a.m. The hearing may continue on **December 13, 2011**, if needed.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2011-0273, be made through the Board's web portal at https://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Silvan Cheung at Silvan.Cheung@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Richard Lanni at Richard.Lanni@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, September 21, 2011

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Appendix 'A'

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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