Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0128

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 PowerStream Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to Smart Meter deployment, to be effective November 1, 2011.

PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 2

PowerStream Inc. ("PowerStream") filed an application ("the Application") on June 24, 2011 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) (the "Act"), seeking approval for rate riders to recover costs related to smart meter deployment. PowerStream continues to operate two separate rate zones, PowerStream South, the legacy service area and PowerStream North, the Barrie service area. This Application pertains to both service areas.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Written Hearing on July 14, 2011, Procedural Order No. 1 on August 5, 2011 and a Decision on Confidentiality on August 17, 2011 granting PowerStream's request for confidentiality on purchase, installation and service agreements between PowerStream and its suppliers. Board Staff filed interrogatories on August 17, 2011. VECC filed interrogatories on August 22, 2011. PowerStream filed responses to all interrogatories on September 9, 2011.

The Board has determined that it will continue by way of a written hearing. The Board will allow for written submissions by Board staff and VECC and a reply submission by PowerStream.

The Board expects that all parties will make best efforts to frame submissions related to the material which is being held in confidence in a manner that will allow the submissions to be placed on the public record.

Please note that further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Board staff may file a written submission with the Board and deliver it to PowerStream and VECC no later than October 7, 2011.
- 2. VECC may file a written submission with the Board and deliver it to PowerStream no later than October 14, 2011.
- 3. PowerStream may file a reply submission addressing any issues raised in any submissions filed by Board staff or VECC no later than October 21, 2011.

All filings to the Board must quote file number EB-2011-0128, be made through the Board's web portal at <u>www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>, 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 shall use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>. 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.

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Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Board Secretary E-mail: <u>Boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u> Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (toll free) Fax: 416-440-7656

DATED at Toronto, September 27, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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