

EB-2011-0321

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

# Application by Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc. for Service Area Licence Amendment

#### The Application

Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc. ("Cambridge") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,* S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B, for an order of the Board amending Cambridge's distribution service area to reflect the transfer of one customer from Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") to Cambridge. Hydro One has consented to this service area amendment application.

The Board has assigned file number EB-2011-0321 to the application. The application will be decided by an employee of the Board who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998. The employee does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding this application.

# Section 6.5.4 of the Distribution System Code

Section 6.5.4 of the DSC deals with long term load transfer ("LTLT") arrangements. A load transfer is a situation in which a customer is located in the licensed service area of one distributor (the "geographic distributor") but is physically served electricity by another distributor (the "physical distributor"). Section 6.5.4 of the DSC requires geographic distributors to eliminate their LTLT arrangements before June 30, 2014. This can be accomplished by either negotiating the transfer of the customers to the physical distributor or by the geographic distributor extending its system to connect the customers.

#### **Service Area Amendments**

According to the application, the service area amendment is being sought in order to eliminate the LTLT arrangement between Cambridge and Hydro One through the transfer of one customer to the physical distributor. The applicant states that the service area amendment is the most cost efficient approach to eliminate this existing LTLT arrangement.

The customer proposed to be transferred to Cambridge is currently located within Hydro One's service area but physically supplied by Cambridge. Presently, the customer is considered Hydro One's customer and charged Hydro One's rates. The proposed amendment, if granted, will result in the customer becoming customer of Cambridge and being subject to Cambridge's distribution rates which are lower than Hydro One's distribution rates according to the application. The customer is located on the west side of Trussler Road in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, Ontario.

#### How to See Cambridge's Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, <a href="http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry">http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</a>. Copies can also be viewed at Cambridge's office at the address indicated below as well as on its website.

## How to Participate in the Hearing

The Board intends to proceed with this matter by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any objections to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant within **10 days** of publication or service of this notice.

If you wish to participate in the written hearing, please file a written submission setting out your views on the application with the Board and deliver it to the applicant no later than **21 days** after publication or service of this notice.

If the applicant wishes to respond to the submission(s), the written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to any party that made submissions no later than **28 days** after publication or service of this notice.

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 the applicant.

#### How to File Documents with the Board

If you already have a user ID, please submit your submission through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. Additionally, two paper copies are required. For instructions on how to file and naming conventions, please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at <a href="http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca">http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca</a>, e-Filing Services. Those who do not have internet access are asked to submit their submission on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies. You may also send your submission by post or e-mail to the addresses below.

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2011-0321 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your document. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. 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.

#### **Need More Information?**

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web

site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

#### <u>IMPORTANT</u>

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

### <u>Addresses</u>

#### The Board

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#### The Applicant

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#### The Incumbent Distributor

Hydro One Networks Inc. 483 Bay Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Tower Toronto, ON M5G 2P5 Attention: Mr. Yoon Kim

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# **DATED** at Toronto September 27, 2011

# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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