Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'Énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2007-0681

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 Hydro One Networks Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One" or the "Company") filed an application, dated December 18, 2007, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998*, c.15, Schedule B. The Board has assigned file number EB-2007-0681 to the application. The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated January 14, 2008 and Procedural Order No. 1 dated February 6, 2008.

The Board held an Issues Day on February 15, 2008 and heard submissions from the parties on contested issues on the Proposed Issues List. The Board also heard submissions from parties on Hydro One's request for the continuation, on an interim basis, of the existing Regulatory Assets Phase 2 - rate rider and the existing Time of Use rates and on a request from Mr. Shepherd on behalf of the Schools Energy Coalition with respect to dividing this proceeding into two phases. The Board issued its oral Decision with respect to these matters on February 15, 2008. Reference should be made to the transcript of the Issues Day proceeding for that oral Decision.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following procedural matters. Please be aware that further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Issues List for this proceeding is attached as Appendix "A" to this Order.
- 2. An updated list of Intervenors and Observers is attached as Appendix "B" to this Order.
- 3. Parties who wish information and material from the Company that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to the Company on or before **March 14, 2008**.
- 4. The Company shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the Intervenors no later than **April 4, 2008**.
- Intervenors who wish to present evidence shall file that evidence with the Board and deliver it to the Company and the other Intervenors on or before April 18, 2008.
- 6. Anyone (Intervenor, Board staff or the Company) who requires additional information related to any Intervenor's filed evidence that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to the parties on or before **April 28, 2008**. Responses to the interrogatories shall be filed with the Board and delivered to the Company and the other Intervenors on or before **May 12, 2008**.

All filings to the Board must quote file number EB-2007-0681, and consist of an electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format filed through the Board's web portal at <u>www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>, and three paper copies sent to the address below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. If the web portal is not available you may email your document to <u>BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca</u>. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with three 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. Parties must also include the Case Manager, Rudra Mukherji <u>rudra.mukherji@oeb.gov.on.ca</u> and Board Counsel, Jennifer Lea jennifer.lea@oeb.gov.on.ca on all electronic correspondence related to this case.

DATED at Toronto, February 22, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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APPENDIX "A"

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. EB-2007-0681

ISSUES LIST

Appendix 'A' Hydro One Networks Inc. EB-2007-0681

ISSUES LIST

1. ADMINISTRATION (Exhibit A)

- 1.1 Has Hydro One responded appropriately to all relevant Board directions from previous proceedings?
- 1.2 Has Hydro One responded appropriately to the Board's directions on CDM and Line loss reduction?
- 1.3 Are the Affiliate Service Agreements appropriate?
- 1.4 Are Hydro One's Economic and Business Planning Assumptions for 2008 appropriate?
- 1.5 Is the load forecast and methodology appropriate and have the impact of Conservation and Demand Management initiatives been suitably reflected?
- 1.6 Is service quality on the OEB specified performance indicators acceptable?
- 1.7 Are the proposed Distribution Loss Factors appropriate?

2. COST OF CAPITAL/DEBT (Exhibit B)

- 2.1 Is the proposed Capital Structure and Rate of Return on Equity for Hydro One's distribution business appropriate?
- 2.2 Are Hydro One's proposed costs and mix for its short and long-term debt for the 2008 test year appropriate?

3. COST OF SERVICE (Exhibit C)

- 3.1 Are the overall levels of the 2008 Operation, Maintenance and Administration budgets appropriate?
- 3.2 Is the 2008 vegetation management budget appropriate?
- 3.3 Is the proposed level of 2008 Shared Services and Other O&M spending appropriate?
- 3.4 Are the methodologies used to allocate Shared Services and Other O&M costs to the distribution business and determine the distribution overhead capitalization rate for 2008 appropriate?
- 3.5 Is the proposed E-factor methodology and adjustment as part of the distribution overhead capitalization appropriate?
- 3.6 Are the 2008 Human Resources related costs (wages, salaries, benefits, incentive payments, labour productivity and pension costs) including employee levels, appropriate?

- 3.7 Is Hydro One's depreciation expense appropriate?
- 3.8 Are the amounts proposed for capital and property taxes appropriate?
- 3.9 Is the amount proposed for income taxes, including the methodology, appropriate?
- 3.10 Is the level of Hydro One initiated and or delivered CDM activity and budget appropriate and should it be funded by OPA or in rates?
- 3.11 Is the proposed spending on loss reduction efforts appropriate?

4. RATE BASE (Exhibit D)

- 4.1 Are the amounts proposed for Rate Base appropriate?
- 4.2 Are the amounts proposed for 2008 Capital Expenditures appropriate?
- 4.3 Are the 2008 sustaining capital expenditures proposed for Asset Replacement appropriate?
- 4.4 Are the 2008 amounts proposed for Development capital appropriate?
- 4.5 Is the 2008 budget for storm related capital expenditures appropriate?
- 4.6 Is the proposed level of 2008 Shared Services and Other Capital expenditures appropriate?
- 4.7 Are the methodologies used to allocate Shared Services and Other Capital expenditures to the distribution business and determine the Working Capital component of the Rate Base consistent with the methodologies approved by the Board in previous Hydro One rate applications?
- 4.8 Does the Asset Condition Assessment information adequately address the condition of the distribution system assets and support the O&MA and Capital expenditures for 2008?
- 4.9 Are the proposed capital expenditures to reduce electricity system losses appropriate?

5. REVENUE REQUIREMENT (Exhibit E)

- 5.1 Is the calculation of the proposed revenue requirement for 2008 appropriate?
- 5.2 Is the proposed amount for 2008 External Revenues, including the methodology used to cost and price these services, appropriate?
- 5.3 Is the proposed accounting treatment of non utility revenue and expenditures associated with OPA funded CDM appropriate?

REGULATORY ASSETS (Exhibit F)

- 5.4 Is the proposal for the amounts, disposition and continuance of Hydro One's existing Deferral and Variance Accounts (Regulatory Assets) appropriate?
- 5.5 Is the proposal to establish new Deferral and Variance Accounts appropriate?

6. COST ALLOCATION AND RATE DESIGN (Exhibit G)

- 6.1 Are Hydro One's proposed new Customer Rate Classes appropriate?
- 6.2 Is Hydro One's cost allocation appropriate?
- 6.3 Are Hydro One's proposed rates appropriate?
- 6.4 Are the proposed revenue to cost ratios appropriate?
- 6.5 Are the fixed-variable splits for each class appropriate?
- 6.6 Is Hydro One's proposal to have both fixed and variable service charges for subtransmission customers, sentinel lights and street lights appropriate?
- 6.7 Is the proposal for harmonization of rates appropriate?
- 6.8 Are the customer bill impacts resulting from the proposed rate impact mitigation plan reasonable?
- 6.9 Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates appropriate?
- 6.10 Is the proposal for regulatory asset rate rider #3 appropriate?

7. SMART METERS

- 7.1 Is the 2008 smart meter O&M budget appropriate?
- 7.2 Is the proposed 2008 capital spending for the Smart Meter program appropriate?
- 7.3 Are the amounts for Smart Meter related variance accounts appropriate?
- 7.4 Is the treatment of stranded meter costs appropriate?
- 7.5 Is Hydro One's regulatory treatment of Smart Meter costs appropriate?

APPENDIX "B"

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. EB-2007-0681

LIST OF APPLICANT AND INTERVENORS

Appendix 'B' EB-2007- 0681 Hydro One Networks Inc. 2008 Distribution Rate Application

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