



**EB-2011-0358**  
**EB-2011-0359**

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS AND WRITTEN HEARING**

### **Applications by PUC Distribution Inc. and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation for an Extension to their Mandated Time-of-Use Pricing Date for Certain Regulated Price Plan Consumers**

#### **The Applications**

PUC Distribution Inc. ("PUC") and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation ("Espanola") each filed separate applications dated October 5, 2011 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) for licence amendments granting extensions in relation to the mandated date for the implementation of time-of-use ("TOU") pricing rates for Regulated Price Plan ("RPP") consumers. PUC's application was assigned file number EB-2011-0358 and Espanola's application was assigned file number EB-2011-0359.

The applications will be decided by the Counsel, Special Projects who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The Counsel, Special Projects does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding these applications.

#### **Time-of-Use Pricing**

On August 4, 2010 the Ontario Energy Board issued a determination under Section 1.2.1 of the Standard Supply Service Code to require the implementation of TOU pricing for RPP consumers. The determination established mandatory TOU implementation dates for each electricity distributor. PUC and Espanola have applied for an extension to their October 2011 TOU pricing date and requested a new date of March 2012 for 1,181 and 99 of their General Service <50kW customers, respectively. The applicants state the extension is necessary due to delays experienced as a result of an issue with

certain three phase meters for these customers that are delivering suspect interval data due to improper time-alignment of the consumption intervals.

### **How to see the Applications**

Copies of the applications and related documents are available for inspection at the Board's offices in Toronto and on its website, [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca). A copy can also be viewed at PUC's and Espanola's offices at the addresses indicated below and on their websites.

### **How to Participate in the Hearing**

The applications will be decided by way of a combined written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to a written hearing for these applications, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant(s) by **November 4, 2011**.

Any parties who wish information and material from either or both of the applicants that is in addition to the applicants' 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 the applicant(s) on or before **November 8, 2011**. Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the pre-filed evidence. The applicant(s) shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to any interested parties in the proceeding no later than **November 15, 2011**.

Anyone who wishes to make a submission on either or both of the applications must file that written submission with the Board and deliver it to the applicant(s) by **November 22, 2011**. If the applicant(s) wishes to respond to the submission(s), the written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to all parties who made submissions by **November 29, 2011**. All written submissions sent to the Board will be placed on the public record. 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(s).

### **How to File Documents with the Board**

You must forward two paper copies as well as, if possible, an electronic copy in searchable PDF format, of your written submission to the Board and one copy to the applicant. All submissions must quote file numbers EB-2011-0358 and EB-2011-0359 and clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. 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.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca) or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

### **IMPORTANT**

**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.**

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**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

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