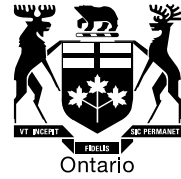


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BY E-MAIL

November 23, 2011

David C. Ferguson
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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

**Re: Middlesex Power Distribution Corporation ("MPDC")
Applications for Rates - 2012 IRM3 Applications
Board File Numbers EB-2011-0148, EB-2011-0149, EB-2011-0150**

The Board is in receipt of your letter dated November 16, 2011 wherein you requested an extension until January 23, 2012 for MPDC-Main, MPDC-Dutton and MPDC-Newbury (the "Applicants") to file their respective evidence supporting the disposition of account 1562 (PILs) balances. You indicated that following acquisition and amalgamation activity, the Applicants were having difficulty locating the pre-acquisition accounting records of the predecessor utilities. You also indicated that, despite diligent effort, the Applicants would not be in a position to file for the disposition of account 1562 at the time that the respective 2012 IRM applications are filed. Further, you stated that MPDC expects to file the 2012 IRM applications for MPDC-Main, MPDC-Dutton and MPDC-Newbury, excluding the disposition of account 1562, by the due date of November 25, 2011.

The Board has considered the extension sought by MPDC and has determined that it will not grant the extension request. The Board is of the view that until the impacts of disposing of the account 1562 balances are known, the Board cannot provide proper notice to the Applicants' ratepayers of the rate impacts associated with the Applicants' 2012 IRM applications. In light of the Applicants' post-amalgamation circumstances, and in order not to jeopardize a May 1, 2012 implementation date for the other aspects of the 2012 IRM applications, the Board directs the Applicants to proceed with filing their 2012 IRM applications excluding the disposition of account 1562. The Board directs the Applicants to file stand-alone applications, by no later than April 1, 2012, for the disposition of account 1562.

Please direct any questions relating to this matter to Pascale Duguay, Manager, Electricity Rates Applications, at (416) 440-7739 or e-mail pascale.duguay@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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