

EB-2011-0326

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 2000 Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2012.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

Hydro 2000 Inc. ("Hydro 2000") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 12, 2011 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro 2000 charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2011-0326.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated November 3, 2011. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility. No objection was received.

The Board approves VECC as an intervenor. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Appendix A to this procedural order. The Board has also determined that VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice and Direction on Cost Awards*.

The Board has decided to make provision at this time for written interrogatories. After its review of the responses, the Board will determine the next steps including whether provision should be made for additional interrogatories, or a Technical Conference.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. VECC shall request any information and material from Hydro 2000 that is in addition to Hydro 2000's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Hydro 2000 on or before **December 20, 2011**. Interrogatories from Board staff shall be submitted on or before **December 16, 2011**.
- 2. Hydro 2000 shall file with the Board complete written responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to VECC no later than **January 20, 2012.**

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2011-0326, be made through the Board's web portal at https://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca, 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 must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry. 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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Silvan Cheung at Silvan.Cheung@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, November 29, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

Appendix 'A'

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

Date: November 29, 2011

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APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS

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