



EB-2011-0272

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

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. (“Norfolk Power” or “the Applicant”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”), received on August 29, 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 Norfolk Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0272 to the application.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated September 15, 2011. Norfolk Power submitted their Affidavit of Publication on September 28, 2011, indicating that the Notice was published on September 23, 2011.

The Board issued Procedural Order #1 on October 7, 2011 which among other items, approved the intervenor status of Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”), and School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) in this proceeding. The Board also determined that Energy Probe, VECC, and SEC were eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board’s *Practice and Direction on Cost Awards*.

As Norfolk Power had requested confidential status for a number of documents related to smart meter contracts with outside parties, on October 21, 2011 the Board issued its

decision on confidentiality determining that it would grant confidential treatment for the documents as requested.

By letter dated November 9, 2011, Norfolk Power requested an extension to the deadline for filing its interrogatory responses. On November 10, 2011 the Board issued a letter granting an extension for the responses until November 28, 2011. On November 28, 2011 Norfolk Power's interrogatory responses were filed.

The Board has determined that this application will proceed by way of a written hearing.

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

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. A transcribed Technical Conference shall be convened on **Thursday, January 12, 2012**, starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the Technical Conference will continue on **January 13, 2012**. The Technical Conference will be held in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto. Parties participating in the Technical Conference are requested to file with the Board and copy Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. and all other parties, by **January 5, 2012**, a list of issues, questions or matters on which they seek clarification at the Technical Conference.
2. A Settlement Conference will be convened on **Wednesday, January 18, 2012**, starting at 9:30 a.m., with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties. The Settlement Conference will be held in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto, and may continue until **January 20, 2012**, if required.
3. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board no later than **Thursday, February 2, 2012**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2011-0272, 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.

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DATED at Toronto December 6, 2011

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