

EB-2011-0271

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 Halton Hills Hydro 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

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. ("HHHI") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), received on August 26, 2011, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that HHHI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2011-0271.

The Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 on October 14, 2011, in which it approved the intervenors to this proceeding and set out a schedule for interrogatories and responses. HHHI filed its responses to the interrogatories on November 16, and filed additional information related to its responses on November 25, 2011.

The Board has decided that there will be an additional round of written interrogatories, and that it will convene a settlement conference. The Board will determine after reviewing the interrogatories and responses whether the settlement conference will be preceded by a transcribed technical conference, and will inform the parties as early as possible.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following procedural matters.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- Intervenors or Board staff who wish to ask questions that relate to the existing interrogatory responses filed by HHHI shall file written interrogatories with the Board and deliver a copy to the Applicant on or before **December 21, 2011**.
 Where possible, the questions should reference the existing response and the pre-filed evidence.
- 2. HHHI shall file with the Board complete responses to the supplemental interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors no later than **January 24**, 2012.
- 3. A transcribed Technical Conference will be scheduled to convene, if necessary, on **February 1, 2012**, starting at 9:30 a.m., in the **West Hearing Room** at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto.
- 4. A Settlement Conference will be convened on **February 6, 2012** starting at 9:30 a.m., in the **ADR Room** at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto, with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. If necessary, the Technical or Settlement Conference will continue on **February 7, 2012** at the same location.
- 5. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board no later than **February 16, 2012**. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the Settlement Proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues, identifying those issues that the parties believe must be dealt with by way of oral or written hearing.

Upon reviewing the Settlement Proposal the Board will determine next steps. If necessary, the Board expects to consider any unsettled issues by means of an oral hearing, and a procedural order will be issued to that effect.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2011-0271, 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. Please use the document naming conventions and document

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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 15, 2011

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