



EB-2011- 0152

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

ORDER FOR INTERIM RATES

Algoma Power Inc. ("Algoma") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 15, 2011 for permission to change its delivery charges beginning January 1, 2012. The Application was filed under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), under the Board's guidelines for 3rd Generation Incentive Regulation Mechanism which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates between cost of service applications. The proposed rates include the impact of the Rural and Remote Rate Protection funding, pursuant to Ontario Regulation 442/01.

The Board issued the Notice of Application and Hearing on October 28, 2011.

On October 19, 2011 Algoma filed a letter requesting that the Board make Algoma's existing rates interim on December 31, 2011, in the event that the Board is unable to issue its Decision and Order in time for the new rates to be implemented on January 1, 2012.

The Board notes that Algoma received approval in a prior application, EB-2009-0278, to commence its rate year on January 1.

The Board will therefore grant the request and emphasizes that this order for interim rates should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the final determination of this current application.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The currently approved rates of Algoma Power Inc. are declared interim as of January 1, 2012 and until such time as a final rate order is issued by the Board.

DATED at Toronto, December 22, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary