

EB-2011-0174

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 One Brampton Networks 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

Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. ("HOBNI") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 16, 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 Board issued its Decision and Order on HOBNI's 2012 IRM application on December 22, 2011. In that Decision, the Board directed HOBNI to file a draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings by December 30, 2011. HOBNI filed its draft Rate Order on December 28, 2011. Intervenor and Board staff comments on the draft Rate Order, if any, are due to be filed by January 4, 2012 and any reply from HOBNI is due to be filed by January 9, 2012.

In the event that the Board is unable to issue a final Rate Order to enable HOBNI to implement revised delivery charges on January 1, 2012, the Board is making HOBNI's existing rates interim as of January 1, 2012.

In declaring HOBNI's current rates interim, the Board emphasizes that this order for interim rates should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the final determination of this application.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The currently approved rates of Hydro One Brampton Networks 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 30, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary