



EB-2011-0293

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 Atikokan 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. 1

Atikokan Hydro Inc. (“Atikokan” or “the Applicant”) filed an application (the “Application”) with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on September 30, 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 Atikokan charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board has assigned the Application file number EB-2011-0293.

On October 24, 2011, the Board issued a letter to Atikokan identifying certain additional evidence that needed to be filed before the Board would consider the Application. Atikokan filed the requested additional evidence on December 14, 2011.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated December 22, 2011. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility. No objections were received.

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

In its Notice of Application and Hearing, the Board indicated its intention to consider the Application by way of a written hearing. No objections were received. At this time, the Board intends to continue to consider the Application 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 from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Intervenors who wish information and material from Atikokan Hydro Inc. that is in addition to Atikokan Hydro Inc.'s pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Atikokan Hydro Inc. and all intervenors on or before **February 3, 2012**. Interrogatories from Board staff shall be submitted on or before **January 31, 2012**.
2. Atikokan Hydro Inc. shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors no later than **February 23, 2012**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2011-0293, 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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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Board Secretary

Appendix 'A'

To

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Atikokan Hydro Inc.

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

January 13, 2012

Atikokan Hydro Inc.

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APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS

January 12, 2012

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