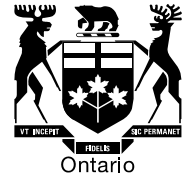


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January 23, 2012

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LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

**Re: Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.
Application for 2012 Smart Meter Cost Recovery effective May 1, 2012
Board File No. EB-2011-0415**

The Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") has now issued its Notice (the "Notice") relating to your application for 2012 Smart Meter Cost Recovery. Please note that you must publish the Notice within **fourteen days** of the date of this letter. If publication is not possible within fourteen days, you must inform the Board Secretary immediately.

You are directed:

1. To arrange immediately for the enclosed English version of the Notice, headed with the Ontario government logo and the words "Ontario Energy Board", to be published in one issue of the English language newspaper having the highest circulation, according to the best information available, in Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.'s service area;
2. To arrange immediately for the enclosed French version of the Notice headed with the Ontario Government logo and the words "Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario", to be published in one issue of the French language newspaper having the highest circulation, according to the best information available, in Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.'s service area;

Please note that invoices regarding publication are not to be sent to the Board.

3. To immediately, and no later than the date of publication of the Notice, serve a copy of the Notice directly on all intervenors of record in Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.'s previous cost of service rate proceeding EB-2008-0247 and its 2012 3rd Generation Incentive Regulation Mechanism rate proceeding EB-2011-0202;
4. If Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. is a Host Distributor, to immediately, and no later than the date of publication of the Notice, serve a copy of the Notice directly on its Embedded Distributor(s);
5. To file with the Board an affidavit proving publication and, where applicable, service of the Notice immediately thereafter;
6. To make a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review at Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.'s office and on its website;
7. To make a copy of the Notice available for public review at Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.'s office and on its website; and,
8. To provide a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

You are further directed not to include any document(s) or material(s) when serving the Notice other than document(s) or material(s) expressly required by this Letter of Direction to be served.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Encl.