



EB-2007-0681

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
Networks Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and
reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of
electricity.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an application, dated December 18, 2007, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B. The Board has assigned file number EB-2007-0681 to the application. The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated January 14, 2008 and Procedural Order No. 1 dated February 6, 2008. On February 22, 2008 the Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 which included the Board approved Issues List and set out the dates up to the filing of responses to interrogatories on Intervenor Evidence. This Order deals with a request from Hydro One for interim rates, and sets out the dates for a settlement conference and the commencement of the oral hearing.

By way of letter dated February 27, 2008 Hydro One requested that its existing 2007 rates for the distribution of electricity approved under the proceeding EB-2007-0542 be declared interim effective May 1, 2008. Since the filing of that letter, the Board has received submissions from the School Energy Coalition, Power Workers Union and Green Energy Coalition. The Board invites all parties to this proceeding to file written submissions on Hydro One's request by Monday, March 24, 2008. Hydro One will file any written responses to submissions by Monday, March 31, 2008.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following procedural matters. Please be aware that further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Parties who wish to make a submission on the request for interim rates must file that submission with the Board, and deliver it to Hydro One and other intervenors by **Monday, March 24, 2008**.
2. If Hydro One wishes to respond to a submission, the response must be filed with the Board and delivered to intervenors by **Monday, March 31, 2008**.
3. A half-day intervenor conference will be convened on **Wednesday, May 21, 2008** at 9:30 a.m. at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto and finish at 1:00 p.m. Any registered intervenor in this proceeding may attend. The purpose of this meeting is for intervenors to develop a common proposal, if possible, to present for consideration by the applicant.
4. A settlement conference will be convened on **Thursday, May 22, 2008**, at 9:30 a.m. at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto and if needed, may continue until **Friday, May 30, 2008**, with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues.
5. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, June 9, 2008**. The Settlement Proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues, identifying how these issues should be heard (i.e. orally or in writing). The Board will sit on **Monday June 23, 2008**, at 9:30 a.m. to review the settlement proposal.
6. The evidentiary phase of the oral hearing will commence on **Monday, June 23, 2008** at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto in the Board's hearing room. The Board's

consideration of the Settlement Proposal will be the first order of business at the commencement of the hearing. The hearing is currently scheduled for up to 16 days with the exception of the week of the June 30, 2008.

7. A case timetable is attached as Appendix "A" to this Order.

All filings to the Board must quote file number EB-2007-0681, and consist of an electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format filed through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca, and three paper copies sent to the address below. 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 submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. If the web portal is not available you may email your document to BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with three 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.

Parties must also include the Case Manager, Rudra Mukherji
rudra.mukherji@oeb.gov.on.ca and Board Counsel, Jennifer Lea
jennifer.lea@oeb.gov.on.ca on all electronic correspondence related to this case.

DATED at Toronto, March 14, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix “A”

Hydro One Networks Inc. EB-2007-0681

Case Schedule

EVENT	DATE
Interrogatories Issued	March 14, 2008
Response to interrogatories	April 4, 2008
Intervenor evidence filed by	April 18, 2008
Interrogatories on intervenor evidence	April 28, 2008
Intervenor response to interrogatories	May 12, 2008
Settlement Conf. Begins	May 21, 2008
Settlement Conf. Ends	May 30, 2008
File Settlement Agreement by	June 9, 2008
Oral Hearing Begins*	June 23, 2008
Oral Hearing Ends	July 25, 2008

Note: Oral hearing is scheduled for the weeks of June 23rd, July 7th, July 14th, and July 21st.