

OPA Letter
of Comment:

Chapleau
Public
Utilities
Corporation

Basic Green
Energy Act
Plan

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Introduction

On March 25, 2010, The Ontario Energy Board (“the OEB”) issued its Filing Requirements for Distribution System Plans. As a condition of Licence, Ontario Distributors are required to file a Green Energy Act Plan as part of their cost of service application.

The Filing Requirements distinguish between Basic and Detailed Green Energy Act Plans (“Plan” or “GEA Plan”) and outline the specific information and level of detail which must be provided for each type of Plan. Recognizing the importance of coordinated planning in achieving the goals of the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009* (the “GEA”), distributors must consult with embedded and host distributors, upstream transmitters and the OPA in preparing their Plans. For both Basic and Detailed Plans, distributors are required to submit as part of the Plan, a letter of comment from the OPA.

The OPA will review distributors’ Basic Plans to ensure consistency with regard to FIT and microFIT applications received, as well as with integrated Plans for the region or the system as a whole.

Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation - Basic Green Energy Act Plan

On September 26, 2011, the OPA received a Basic GEA Plan from Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation (“CPUC”). The OPA has reviewed CPUC’s Plan and has provided its comments below.

OPA FIT/microFIT Applications Received

Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation’s Plan identifies no microFIT applications and no FIT applications received by CPUC. This is mentioned under the heading *Planned Development of the System*.

Up to September 26, 2011, the OPA has not received any FIT applications connecting to CPUC’s system. After CPUC’s initial consultation with the OPA in August while preparing its GEA Plan, 4 new microFIT applications were submitted to the OPA in September 2011, totalling 40 kW.

Upstream Transmission Constraints

The OPA notes that CPUC’s supply point at Chapleau DS is currently constrained by the Northeast area limit. This constraint poses limitations for Capacity Allocation Required FIT applications connecting to CPUC’s system as well as elsewhere in the Northeast region. The OPA is unable to award contracts to Capacity Allocation Required projects in the Northeast region due to this constraint.

Economic Connection Test Results

There has been no Economic Connection Test performed to date.

Opportunities for Integrated Solutions

There are no known corresponding expansions among neighbouring LDCs that could be addressed through integrated transmission solutions at this time.

Conclusion

The OPA finds that the Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation's GEA Plan is reasonably consistent with the OPA's information regarding renewable energy generation applications to date.

The OPA appreciates the opportunity to comment on CPUC's Basic GEA Plan.