Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0250

**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 Lakefront Utilities Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2012.

## **PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 3**

Lakefront Utilities Inc. ("Lakefront") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 17, 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 Lakefront charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. Certain evidence which was missing in the original application was provided in an amended application filed on December 5, 2011. The Board has assigned the File Number EB-2011-0250 to this application.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on December 12, 2011. On January 11, 2012, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 in which the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") were granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility. On January 16, 2012, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 to address matters related to confidentiality. On January 24, 2011, the Board issued a Decision and Order on confidentiality.

Written interrogatories were filed by Board staff on January 25, 2012 and both intervenors VECC and SEC on January 30, 2012. Lakefront filed responses to all interrogatories on February 21, 2012.

After reviewing the responses to the interrogatories, the Board has decided that provision should be made for further written interrogatories for the purpose only of clarifying the information provided in some of the responses filed by Lakefront. The Board has also decided that it will convene a settlement conference.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following procedural matters.

## THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- Intervenors or Board staff who wish to ask questions for the purpose of clarifying the information in the interrogatory responses filed by Lakefront shall file written interrogatories with the Board and deliver a copy to the Applicant on or before March 12, 2012. The questions must reference the existing responses, and where possible, the pre-filed evidence.
- 2. Lakefront shall file with the Board complete responses to the supplemental interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors no later than **March 23, 2012.**
- 3. A Settlement Conference will be convened on **March 29, 2012** starting at 9:30 a.m., in **Room** 2752 at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto, with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. If necessary, the Settlement Conference will continue on **March 30, 2012** at the same location.
- 4. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board no later than **April 18, 2012**. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the Settlement Proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues, identifying those issues that the parties believe must be dealt with by way of oral or written hearing.

Upon reviewing the Settlement Proposal the Board will determine next steps. If necessary, the Board expects to consider any unsettled issues by means of an oral hearing, and a procedural order will be issued to that effect.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2011-0250, be made through the Board's web portal at <a href="https://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca">https://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca</a> 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. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at

<u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>. If the web portal is not available you may email your document to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD or diskette 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.

## **ADDRESS**

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**DATED** at Toronto, March 2, 2012

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