

EB-2011-0435

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 Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Ltd. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2012.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Ltd. ("Innisfil") has applied to the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for permission to increase its delivery charges beginning May 1, 2012 to reflect the recovery of costs for deployed smart meters. The application was filed on December 19, 2011 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), under the Board's *Guideline G-2011-0001: Smart Meter Funding and Cost Recovery – Final Disposition*. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2011-0435.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing (the "Notice") dated February 1, 2012 in which the Board made provisions for the filing of intervenor and cost eligibility requests, and established dates for the filing of written interrogatories and written submissions. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility. No objection was received. In correspondence dated February 21, 2012, the Board approved VECC as an intevenor and granted VECC cost eligibly status.

In correspondence dated March 13, 2012, Innisfil notified the Board that it would be filing responses to interrogatories filed by Board staff and VECC, due originally on March 9, 2012, by March 14, 2012.

The Board notes that Innisfil filed its responses to Board staff interrogatories on March 21, 2012. Innisfil subsequently filed responses to VECC's interrogatories on March 22, 2012. The submissions by Board staff, as set out in the Notice, are due to be filed on March 23, 2012, and VECC's submissions are due on March 28, 2012. In light of the late filing of interrogatory responses by Innisfil the Board will amend the submission dates established in the Notice.

The Board notes that Innisfil did not request, or receive, express permission of the Board to file its interrogatory responses late. Any future deviation from the revised schedule will only be tolerated if it is with permission from the Board.

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. Written final submissions by Board staff must be filed with the Board, and copied to all parties, by **March 30, 2012**.
- 2. Written final submissions by VECC must be filed with the Board, and copied to Innisfil, by **April 4, 2012**.
- 3. If Innisfil wishes to file a reply submission, such submission must be filed with the Board and delivered to VECC by **April 18, 2012**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2011-0435, 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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Stephen Vetsis at stephen.vetsis@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, March 23, 2012

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