



**EB-2011-0271**

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 5 and INTERIM RATE ORDER**

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. ("Halton Hills") filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), received on August 26, 2011, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Halton Hills charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2011-0271.

The Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 on October 14, 2011, in which it approved the intervenors to this proceeding and set out a schedule for interrogatories and responses. The Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 on December 16, 2011, in which it set out the schedule for supplementary interrogatories, a technical conference, a settlement conference and the filing of any settlement proposal.

Halton Hills submitted a Partial Settlement Proposal on February 29, 2012, in which five issues remained unsettled. The Board issued Procedural Order No. 4 on March 5, 2012, in which it set out the schedule for updated evidence on one

of the issues and an oral hearing on the five unsettled issues. Halton Hills submitted updated evidence on March 12, 2012, with a further update on March 21, 2012.

The oral hearing occurred on March 22, 2012. The Board confirmed its acceptance of the Partial Settlement Proposal. Undertakings arose from the oral hearing.

### ***Interim Rates***

The Board is declaring Halton Hills' current approved rates interim as of May 1, 2012 pending the Board's decision on the Application. This determination is made without prejudice to the Board's decision on the Application, and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the Board's final determination with regards to the effective date of rates arising from this Application.

### ***Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection***

On December 21, 2011, the Board issued a Decision with Reasons and Rate Order (EB-2011-0405) establishing the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection ("RRRP") benefit and charge for 2012. The Board amended the RRRP charge to be collected by the Independent Electricity System Operator from the current \$0.0013 per kWh to \$0.0011 per kWh effective May 1, 2012. Halton Hills shall begin applying the new charge effective May 1, 2012.

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

### **THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Halton Hills Hydro Inc.'s current Board-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges is declared interim effective **May 1, 2012**, with the revision noted in paragraph 2 below with respect to the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection charge.
2. Halton Hills Hydro Inc. shall apply a Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection charge of \$0.0011 per kWh effective **May 1, 2012**.

3. Halton Hills shall file with the Board answers to undertakings given at the oral hearing on March 22, 2012 and its argument-in-chief, and deliver them to the intervenors, no later than **March 30, 2012**.
4. Intervenors and Board staff shall file any submissions with the Board and deliver a copy to Halton Hills no later than **April 13, 2012**.
5. Halton Hills shall file with the Board any reply argument and deliver it to the intervenors no later than **April 25, 2012**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2011-0271, 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. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca). 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.

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**DATED** at Toronto, March 26, 2012

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