



EB-2011-0274

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

AND IN T HE MATT ER OF an application by Rideau St.
Lawrence Distribution Inc. for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution
to be effective **May 1, 2012**.

PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 1

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. ("RSL") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, received on Feb 7, 2012 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that RSL charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board has assigned the application File Number EB-2011-0274. The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on February 29, 2012.

Intervenors

The School Energy Coalition ("SEC"), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility on March 7, 2012. No other requests were received. No objections were received regarding the applications for intervenor status.

The Board has determined that SEC and VECC will be granted intervenor status. The list of intervenors in this proceeding is attached as Appendix A to this Order. The Board has also determined that SEC and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Interim Rates

RSL requested approval of interim rates as of May 1, 2012 due to the date of the Application. The Board will declare RSL's current approved rates interim pending the Board's decision in this 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 for 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. RSL 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 has decided to make provision at this time for written interrogatories. At this time, the Board will not make a determination on whether the application will proceed as an oral or written hearing. This determination will be made at a later stage of the proceeding.

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

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution 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. Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. shall apply a Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection charge of \$0.0011 per kWh effective **May 1, 2012**.

3. Board staff and intervenors who wish information and material from RSL that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to RSL on or before **April 11, 2012**.
4. RSL shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the intervenors no later than **May 1, 2012**.

All filings to the Board must quote file number EB-2011-0274, be made through the Board's web portal at 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. If the web portal is not available you may email your document to Boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca. 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 seven paper copies. If you have submitted through the Board's web portal an e-mail is not required.

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.

A list of intervenors is attached as Appendix A to this order.

DATED at Toronto, **March 27, 2012**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

APPENDIX A

LIST OF INTERVENORS

RIDEAU ST. LAWRENCE DISTRIBUTION INC.

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APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS

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