



EB-2011-0326

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 Hydro 2000 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 AND ORDER FOR INTERIM RATES
April 19, 2012

Hydro 2000 Inc. ("Hydro 2000") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 12, 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 Hydro 2000 charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2011-0326.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated November 3, 2011. In accordance with Procedural Order No.1, issued on November 29, 2011, the Board made provision for written interrogatories. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and Board staff filed interrogatories.

In Procedural Order No. 2, issued on January 27, 2012, the Board granted an extension to Hydro 2000 following its request for a delay in filing responses to interrogatories. Hydro 2000 filed all responses to the interrogatories on February 16, 2012. Additional responses to the interrogatories were filed on April 2, 2012.

Upon review of the responses to the written interrogatories, the Board has decided to make provision for written submissions by Board staff and VECC. The record will close with a reply submission by Hydro 2000.

Interim Rates

In the Application, Hydro 2000 requested an effective date of May 1, 2012.

The Board is prepared to make Hydro 2000's current approved rates interim pending the Board's decision. This determination is made without prejudice to the Board's decision on Hydro 2000's 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 Hydro 2000's 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. Hydro 2000 shall begin applying the new charge effective May 1, 2012.

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. Hydro 2000 Inc.'s current Board-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges is declared interim effective **May 1, 2012**.
2. Hydro 2000 Inc. shall apply a Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection charge of \$0.0011 per kWh effective **May 1, 2012**.
3. Board staff shall file a written submission, if any, with the Board, and deliver the same to Hydro 2000 and VECC on or before **May 8, 2012**.
4. VECC shall file a written submission with the Board, if any, and deliver the same to Hydro 2000 on or before **May 11, 2012**.

5. If Hydro 2000 wishes to respond to a submission, the response must be filed with the Board and delivered to VECC no later than **May 25, 2012**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2011-0326, 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, Silvan Cheung at Silvan.Cheung@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at Ljuba.Djurdjevic@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **April 19, 2012**

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