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



EB-2011-0249

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

## **ORDER FOR INTERIM RATES**

Wellington North Power Inc. ("WNP") filed its 2012 cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on April 13, 2012 for permission to change its delivery charges effective May 1, 2012. The Application was filed under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B).

WNP was among the group of electricity distributors identified in the Board's letter of March 1, 2011, which were scheduled to file a 2012 cost of service rate application by August 26, 2011. By letter dated August 15, 2011, WNP indicated that due to certain unforeseen circumstances, it would be delayed in filing its application, and that it would make every effort to file the application by the end of September, 2011. On September 27, 2011, WNP wrote to the Board that it was continuing to experience delays, and that it would make every effort to file the application as soon as possible.

On January 26, 2012, the Board wrote to WNP, stating that to date, it had not received WNP's cost of service application, and that if WNP intended to file an application it should do so by April 13, 2012. On February 13, 2012 WNP reiterated that it had experienced unforeseen circumstances, and indicated that it was committed to submit its 2012 cost of service application by April 13, 2012.

On March 7, 2012, WNP confirmed that it would file its application by April 13, 2012, and requested that its current Tariff of Rates and Charges be made interim effective May 1, 2012. The application was filed on April 13, 2012.

The Board will declare WNP's current Tariff of Rates and Charges interim effective May 1, 2012. In declaring WNP's current rates interim, the Board emphasizes that this order for interim rates should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the final determination of this issue in this application.

## THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The currently approved rates of Wellington North Power Inc. are declared interim as of May 1, 2012 and until such time as a final Rate Order is issued by the Board in regard to this application.

DATED at Toronto, April 30, 2012

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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