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June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Ontario Energy Board P. O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Board Secretary

Re: Notice of Application by the Smart Metering Entity

(IESO on behalf of Lakefront Utilities Inc.)

Board File No. EB-2012-0100 and File No. EB-2012-0211

Enclosed please find the following documents in the matter of the above mentioned Application by the Smart Metering Entity for Approval of a Smart Metering Charge, and Notice of Proceeding to Determine the Appropriate Recovery and Allocation of the Smart Metering Charge:

- 1. Affidavit
- 2. Exhibit A
- 3. Exhibit B

I hope this meets your requirements.

Yours truly,

LAKEFRONT UTILITIES INC.

Brittany Ashby, Finance Analyst Encl. 3

c.c. D. Paul, President Lakefront Utilities Inc.

# AFFIDAVIT

In the matter of an Application by the Smart Metering Entity for approval of a Smart Metering Charge, Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2012-0100;

AND in the matter of an Notice of Proceeding to determine the appropriate recovery and allocation of the smart metering charge, Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2012-0211

In its role as the Smart Metering Entity ("SME"), the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is managing the development of the meter data management/repository ("MDM/R") to collect, manage, store and retrieve information related to the metering of customer's use of electricity in Ontario.

- I, **BRITTANY ASHBY**, of the Town of Cobourg in the County of Northumberland in the Province of Ontario, **MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS**:
  - I am the Financial Analyst of Lakefront Utilities Inc. and as such I have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.
  - 2. The Notice of Application, File No. EB-2012-0100, and the Notice of Proceeding, File No. EB-2012-0211, by the Smart Metering Entity (IESO), in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" to my Affidavit was posted on Lakefront Utilities Inc. website (both French and English versions) at www.lakefrontutilities.on.ca on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
  - 3. In addition, the notice has been made available to all customers at Lakefront Utilities Inc. through our front office.
  - 4. Attached here to as Exhibit "B" is a copy of a print screen of the Lakefront Utilities Inc. website showing the Notice of the Application by the Smart Metering Entity for approval of a Smart Metering Charge.

I make this Affidavit in connection with the Notice of Application by the Smart Metering Entity (IESO) for approval of a Smart Metering Charge, File No. EB-2012-0100, and Notice of Proceeding to determine the Appropriate Recovery and Allocation of the Smart Metering Charge, File No. EB-2012-0211.

Sworn before me at the Town of Cobourg, in the County of Northumberland on the County of June, 2012.

A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits

LORRAINE V. BRACE, MUNICIPAL CLERK TOWN OF COBOURG, COMMISSIONER FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER C. 17, SECTION 1 (2)



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



EB-2012-0100 EB-2012-0211

# NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY THE SMART METERING ENTITY FOR APPROVAL OF A SMART METERING CHARGE

- AND -

# NOTICE OF PROCEEDING TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE RECOVERY AND ALLOCATION OF THE SMART METERING CHARGE

In its role as the Smart Metering Entity ("SME"), the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") is managing the development of the meter data management/repository ("MDM/R") to collect, manage, store and retrieve information related to the metering of customers' use of electricity in Ontario.

# <u>Determination of Smart Metering Charge ("SMC") – EB-2012-0100</u>

The IESO, in its capacity as the SME has applied to the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for approval of a SMC of \$0.806 per Residential and General Service <50kW Customer per month which the IESO proposes to collect from all licensed electricity distributors ("Distributors") for the period July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2017. The SME also seeks approval of revenue adjustment mechanisms to manage fluctuations in costs and number of customers.

The application was filed on March 23, 2012 under subsections 78(2.1), (3.01), (3.0.2) and (3.0.3); Ontario Regulation 453/06 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) (the "Act") and subsection 53.8(8) of the *Electricity Act*, 1998. The Board assigned File No. EB-2012-0100 to this application.

# <u>Determination of Appropriate Allocation and Recovery of SMC – EB-2012-0211</u>

The SME's application proposes that once the amount of the SMC is determined, it be spread over the total number of smart meters expected to be deployed in recognition that the MDM/R provides a service that will benefit all end-use smart meter customers across Ontario and helps meet the province's conservation goals.

The Board has determined that it will hereby commence, pursuant to section 19 of the Act, a proceeding on its own motion to review the options for and ultimately determine the appropriate allocation and recovery of the SMC. The Board has given this proceeding File No. EB-2012-0211.

The Board intends to make a determination of the most appropriate methodology for the allocation and recovery of the SMC and therefore intends to order one or more parties to file evidence once it has determined the scope of the possible allocation and recovery methodologies.

### **Consolidation of Proceedings**

Pursuant to its powers under section 21(5) of the Act the Board hereby combines the hearing of the SME application for the SMC with the Board's proceeding on its own motion to determine the appropriate recovery and allocation of the SMC.

The Board will proceed by way of a written or oral hearing, to be subsequently determined. The Board's decision in both EB-2012-0100 and EB-2012-0211 may have an effect on all ratepayers of the Province.

# How to see the Independent Electricity System Operator's (SME) Application

To see a copy of the SME's application, go to the Consumer page of the Board's website and enter the case number EB-2012-0100 in the "Find an Application" box. A copy can also be seen at the Board's office and at the applicant's office at the addresses indicated below, or on the applicant's website www.ieso.com.

#### **How to Participate**

#### Comment

If you wish to give your opinion on the proceeding to the Board Members hearing the application, you are invited to send a written letter of comment to the Board no later than **30 days** after the publication or service date of this notice. A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicant and the Hearing Panel.

# **Observe**

If you do not wish to actively participate in the proceeding but you do wish to receive documents issued by the Board, you may request observer status. Your written request

must be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice.

#### Personal Information in Letters of Comment and Observer Requests

All letters of comment or letters requesting observer status will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters can be seen at the Board's offices and will be available on the Board's website. Before placing the letters on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e. not business) contact information from the letters (i.e. the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the letter will become part of the public record. Please address your letter to the Board Secretary at the address below, and reference file numbers **EB-2012-0100/EB-2012-0211** at the top of your letter.

#### Intervene

If you wish to actively participate in the proceeding (e.g., submit questions, file argument), you may request intervenor status from the Board no later than **10 days** after the publication or service date of this notice. Instructions for requesting intervenor status are available on the Board's website at <a href="www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate">www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate</a>. Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which can be seen at the Board's offices and will be available on the Board's website.

The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. Requests for cost awards will be addressed in accordance with the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the Board with a copy to the IESO at the addresses below. The Board notes it is not yet in a position to determine what party or parties shall be assessed the costs of the EB-2012-0211 proceeding. The Board may ultimately determine that costs be borne by one or more of (1) the IESO (as SME), (2) Distributors, or (3) some other entity or entities depending on how the SMC is allocated and recovered. Therefore, the Board hereby places all parties on notice that a determination of the party or parties that shall be assessed costs will be made once the Board has heard and considered the record of this proceeding.

If you do not have internet access, please call 1-888-632-2727 to receive information about this proceeding and how to participate.

The Board

Ontario Energy Board

P.O. Box 2319

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Toronto ON M4P 1E4
Attention: Board Secretary

Filings:

https://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca/

E-mail: boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca

Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (Toll free)

Fax: 416-440-7656

The Applicant

Independent Electricity System Operator

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P.O. Box 1

Toronto ON M5G 2K4 Attention: Mr. Brian Rivard

Manager, Regulatory Affairs and Sector Policy

**Analysis** 

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### **IMPORTANT**

IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE IN THE COMBINED PROCEEDING.

DATED at Toronto, May 18, 2012.

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

# **EXHIBIT"B"**

Lakefront Utilities Inc. www.lakefrontutilities.on.ca

Smart Metering Charge and Notice of Proceeding to Determine Appriate Recovery & Allocation of the Smart Metering Charge

