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



EB-2012-0190

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application pursuant to section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* by AbiBow Canada Inc. to amend its electricity generation licence.

By delegation, before: Viive Sawler

DECISION AND ORDER JUNE 21, 2012

AbiBow Canada Inc. filed an application on March 29, 2012 with the Ontario Energy Board pursuant to section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, to amend Schedule 1 of its electricity generation licence, EG-2003-0204.

The licence amendment is granted.

Reasons

AbiBow Canada Inc. stated that it is developing the Thunder Bay Condensing Turbine Project (the "Project") at its existing pulp and paper mill (the "Mill") to supply heat output to the Mill.

The Project is expected to produce up to 62% of the Mill's energy requirements. It is located at 2001 Neebing Avenue in Thunder Bay. The primary fuel is renewable biomass which includes three sources, bark, sludge produced at the Mill and wood waste. AbiBow Canada Inc. will be the owner and operator of the Project. The Project is expected to be operational in quarter one of 2013.

The Project will be connected to the IESO controlled grid through Hydro One Networks Inc.'s transmission system.

AbiBow Canada Inc. has a 10-year power purchase agreement with the Ontario Power Authority issued under the Ontario Power Authority's Combined Heat and Power III procurement. Almost 20% of the estimated project cost has been provided by the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry through the Forest Sector Prosperity Fund program.

Other than the addition of the Project, there are no other changes. All other information remains the same.

I have proceeded to decide the application without a hearing pursuant to section 21(4)(b) of the Act since no other parties are adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of the proceeding, and the applicant has consented to disposing of the application without a hearing.

I find that the information provided in the application is sufficient to demonstrate that granting the requested amendment is in the public interest.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Schedule 1 of electricity generation licence EG-2003-0204 is amended as requested. The amended licence is attached to this Order.

DATED at Toronto, June 21, 2012

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Original Signed By

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