



Burlington**hydro**
inc.

Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
27th Floor
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July 5, 2012

Dear Ms. Walli,

**Re: Burlington Hydro Inc.
EB-2012-0081: Smart Meter Cost Recovery Application
Response to Board staff's comments on draft Rate Order**

Further to the Board's June 21, 2012 Decision and Order please find attached Burlington Hydro's response to Board staff's July 3, 2012 comments on the June 28, 2012 draft Rate Order.

I can be reached at 905-332-1851 x234 should you require anything further.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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Manager, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Michael Janigan, VECC

EB-2012-0081

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Burlington
Hydro Inc. to the Ontario Energy Board for an Order or Orders
approving rate riders for the recovery of Smart Meter costs as of
May 1, 2012.

Response to Board Staff's Comments on June 28, 2012 Draft Rate Order

Introduction

Burlington Hydro Inc. ("Burlington Hydro") is a corporation incorporated pursuant to the Ontario *Business Corporations Act* with its head office in the City of Burlington, Ontario and carries on the business of distributing electricity within the City of Burlington as a licensed electricity distributor operating under license ED-2003-0004.

On February 29, 2012, Burlington Hydro applied to the Ontario Energy Board (the "OEB" or the "Board") pursuant to Section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for recovery of its Smart Meter costs effective May 1, 2012. In its June 21, 2012 Decision and Order (the "D&O") the Board approved recovery of Burlington Hydro's costs for smart meter deployment and operation effective July 1, 2012. The Board ordered a draft Rate Order be prepared and filed that should include a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges reflecting the D&O; the draft Rate Order should also include customer rate impacts and detailed supporting information showing the calculation of the final rates.

On June 28, 2012 Burlington Hydro filed the draft Rate Order that had been prepared pursuant the D&O. On July 3, 2012 Board staff filed its comments on the draft Rate Order as required by

the D&O. This current document is Burlington Hydro's response to Board staff's comments – again, as required by the D&O.

Board Staff's Comments

Board staff noted that in the draft Rate Order, Burlington Hydro updated the class-specific SMFA revenues to reflect actual billed amounts for February, March and April 2012. Board staff further noted that the amounts for April 2012 included in the models supporting the draft Rate Order were approximately twice as large as the amounts in the preceding months and requested clarification "... that the April 2012 SMFA amounts included in the models for Residential, GS <50kW and GS >50kW are the result of delays in billing, and that these amounts are correct."

Burlington Hydro's Response

Burlington Hydro confirms that the April 2012 SMFA amounts included in the models for the three metered classes are the result of delays in billing and that the amounts are correct.

~ All of which is respectfully submitted ~