



EB-2012-0161

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by PowerStream
Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and
other charges for electricity distribution to be effective
January 1, 2013.

PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 1

July 6, 2012

PowerStream Inc. (“PowerStream”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on May 4, 2012 and updated on May 28, 2012, under section 78 of the Act seeking approval for changes to the rates that PowerStream charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2013. The Board has assigned the application File Number EB-2012-0161. The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated June 7, 2012.

The Consumers Council of Canada (“CCC”), Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) applied for intervenor and cost eligibility status.

No objections were received regarding the applications for intervenor and cost eligibility status.

The Board has determined that CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC will be granted intervenor status and will be eligible for an award of costs.

The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Appendix A to this Procedural Order.

A draft issues list prepared by PowerStream has been included as Appendix B to this procedural order for comment by parties. After reviewing the submissions of PowerStream and the parties as outlined in this Procedural Order, the Board will issue a final issues list.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Please be aware that this Procedural Order may be amended, and further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Board staff and intervenors wishing to comment on the draft issues list attached as Appendix B of this Procedural Order, shall file submissions with the Board and deliver them to all parties on or before **July 13, 2012**.
2. PowerStream may respond to the submissions of Board staff and intervenors by filing its submission with the Board and delivering it to all parties on or before **July 20, 2012**.

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.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2012-0161, 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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Martin Davies at martin.davies@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Kristi Sebalj at kristi.sebalj@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, July 6, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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APPENDIX A
TO PROCEDURAL ORDER No.1

EB-2012- 0161

PowerStream Inc.

DATED: July 6, 2012

**PowerStream Inc.
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APPENDIX B
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1 **DRAFT ISSUES LIST**

2 **1. Rate Base (Exhibit B)**

- 3 1.1 Is the proposed Rate Base for Test Year 2013 appropriate? (B1)
4 1.2 Is the Working Capital Allowance for Test Year 2013 appropriate? (B3)
5 1.3 Are the proposed Capital Expenditures forecast for Test Year 2013 appropriate? (B1)

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7 **2. Operating Revenue (Exhibit C)**

- 8 2.1 Is the proposed forecast of 2013 Test Year Throughout Revenue appropriate? (C1)
9 2.2 Are the proposed customers/connections and load forecasts (both kWh and kW) for Test
10 Year 2013 appropriate, including the impact of CDM and weather normalization? (C1)
11 2.3 Is the proposed forecast of Test Year 2013 revenues from other regulated rates and
12 charges appropriate? (C2)

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14 **3. Operating Costs (Exhibit D)**

- 15 3.1 Is the overall Test Year 2013 OM&A forecast appropriate? (D1)
16 3.2 Is the proposed level of the Depreciation/Amortization expense for 2013 appropriate? (D1)
17 3.3 Is the Test Year 2013 forecast of PILs appropriate? (D2)

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19 **4. Deferral and Variance Accounts (Exhibits I)**

- 20 4.1 Is the proposed clearance of deferral and variance account balances appropriate?
21 4.2 Are the proposed new deferral and variance accounts for the test year appropriate?

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23 **5. Cost of Capital (Exhibit E)**

- 24 5.1 Are the proposed Test Year cost of capital parameters appropriate?

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26 **7. Cost Allocation (Exhibit G)**

- 27 7.1 Are the revenue to cost ratios in the cost allocation for Test Year 2013 appropriate?

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29 **8. Modified International Financial Reporting System (Exhibit F)**

- 30 8.1 Is the proposed service revenue requirement calculated using modified IFRS appropriate?

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2 **9. Rate Design (Exhibits H)**

3 9.1 Is the full schedule of rates as proposed appropriate?

4 9.2 Is the derivation of the proposed base distribution rates appropriate?

5 9.3 Are the proposed changes to LV rates appropriate?

6 9.4 Are the proposed Distribution Loss Factors appropriate?

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