



**EB-2012-0198**

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** applications by Hydro  
Hawkesbury Inc. for an order or orders approving or  
fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to  
Smart Meter deployment, to be effective September 1,  
2012.

**BEFORE:** Ken Quesnelle  
Presiding Member

Marika Hare  
Member

**INTERIM RATE ORDER**  
**August 23, 2012**

**Introduction**

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. ("HHI"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on July 16, 2012 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that HHI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective September 1, 2012.

The Board issued its Letter of Direction and Notice of Application on August 2, 2012. The Board notes that given the filing date of this Application, the Board will not be able to render its decision before the requested effective date of September 1, 2012. As a result, the Board will make the HHI's current Tariff of Rates and Charges that were

made effective May 1, 2012 interim pending the Board's decision. This determination is made without prejudice to the Board's decision on HHI's Application, and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the Board's final determination with regards to the effective date for HHI's rates arising from this Application.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.'s Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board in its Decision and Order EB-2011-0173 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective September 1, 2012.

**DATED** at Toronto, August 23, 2012

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary