

Board Staff Interrogatories
Application for Extension to Mandated Time-of-Use Pricing Date
for Regulated Price Plan Consumers
Algoma Power Inc.
EB-2012-0339
Dated August 31, 2012

Board Staff questions

Preamble

Algoma Power Inc. ("Algoma Power") filed an application dated July 30, 2012 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 for a licence amendment granting an extension in relation to the mandated date for the implementation of time-of-use ("TOU") pricing rates for Regulated Price Plan ("RPP") consumers. Algoma Power is requesting an extension to its mandated TOU pricing date of June 2012. Algoma Power is requesting its TOU pricing date be extended to December 2012 due to a delay in the migration of its customer information system.

Questions

- a) Algoma Power's earlier extension application granted an extension to June 2012. This application was received by the Board on July 30, 2012. Please describe in detail the factors that the Algoma Power Inc. considered in making this application and the reasons for submitting an application a month after the extension had expired.
- b) Please identify the dates, and the number of RPP consumers on each date, by which each Algoma Power Inc. will begin billing its RPP consumers on a TOU basis, if the request for new mandatory TOU date is granted.
- c) Please provide greater detail to the progress made by Algoma Power to implement TOU pricing, including timelines, since Algoma Power submitted its earlier TOU extension application to the Board.
- d) Please describe in detail the cost consequences of the delay on Algoma Power Inc.'s Smart Meter and TOU implementation plan.
- e) Are there any other factors (internal and/or external) Algoma Power has identified that may hinder its ability to comply with its requested mandatory TOU price date?