

EB-2012-0121

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective September 1, 2012.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 September 27, 2012

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation ("Erie Thames") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on June 26, 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 Erie Thames charges for electricity distribution, to be effective September 1, 2012.

Procedural Order No.1 set out a schedule for the filing of interrogatories from intervenors and Board staff and responses from Erie Thames. Erie Thames has filed responses to the interrogatories filed by the intervenors and Board staff. As of the date of this Procedural Order there remain a few outstanding responses.

The Board will provide for a transcribed Technical Conference to be held on October 10, 2012 that will permit intervenors and Board staff to seek further information from Erie Thames as a result of the interrogatory responses or to seek clarification of the interrogatory responses. Erie Thames shall file responses to any undertakings arising from the Technical Conference by October 18, 2012. A Settlement Conference will follow on October 24, 2012. The Board reminds the intervenors that they should come to the Settlement Conference with their position(s) already prepared since only one day has been set aside for the Settlement Conference.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. A transcribed Technical Conference shall be convened on October 10, 2012 starting at 9:30 a.m. The Technical Conference will be held in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto. Parties participating in the Technical Conference are requested to file with the Board, and copy Erie Thames and all other parties, by October 5, 2012 confirmation of the particular issues they seek to address or on which they seek clarification at the Technical Conference.
- 2. Erie Thames shall respond to any undertakings given at the Technical Conference on or before **October 18, 2012**.
- 3. A Settlement Conference shall be convened on **October 24, 2012**, starting at 9:30 a.m., with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. The Settlement Conference will be held in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto.
- 4. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board no later than **November 2, 2012**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2012-0121, be made through the Board's web portal at https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/, 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.

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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Richard Battista at richard.battista@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at ljuba.djurdjevic@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **September 27**, **2012**

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