



EB-2012-0327

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF applications by Fort Frances
Power Corporation for an order or orders approving or
fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to
Smart Meter deployment, to be effective November 1,
2012.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Marika Hare
Member

**INTERIM RATE ORDER
November 1, 2012**

Introduction

Fort Frances Power Corporation ("FFPC"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on July 18, 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 FFPC charges for electricity distribution, to be effective November 1, 2012.

The Board issued its Letter of Direction and Notice of Application on July 27, 2012. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers' Coalition ("VECC") requested and was granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility. No letters of comment were received. Subsequent to interrogatories and responses being filed, Board staff filed submissions on September 28, 2012 and VECC filed its submission on October 1, 2012. FFPC filed

its reply submission on October 9, 2012.

The Board notes that this Application is still before the Board, and the Board is not in a position to render its decision before the requested effective date of November 1, 2012. As a result, the Board will make the FFPC'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 FFPC's Application, and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the Board's final determination with regard to the effective date for FFPC's rates arising from this Application.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Fort Frances Power Corporation's Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board is its Decision and Order EB-2011-0146 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective November 1, 2012.

DATED at Toronto, November 1, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary