

EB-2012-0173

**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 Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2013.

### PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 November 12, 2012

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. ("Welland Hydro") filed a complete application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 9, 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 Welland Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2012-0173.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated October 15, 2012. Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC"), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility. No objection was received.

The Board has determined that Energy Probe, SEC and VECC will be granted intervenor status. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Appendix A to this procedural order. The Board has also determined that Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The Board has decided to make provision at this time for written interrogatories. After its review of the responses, the Board will determine the next steps.

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:

- Energy Probe, SEC and VECC shall request any information and material from Welland Hydro that is in addition to Welland Hydro's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Welland Hydro on or before **November 29, 2012**. Interrogatories from Board staff shall be submitted on or before **November 26, 2012**.
- 2. Welland Hydro shall file with the Board complete written responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to Energy Probe, SEC and VECC on or before **December 20, 2012.**

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2012-0173, be made through the Board's web portal at <a href="https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/">https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</a>, 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 <a href="http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry">http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</a>. 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, Martha McOuat at <a href="martha.mcouat@ontarioenergyboard.ca">martha.mcouat@ontarioenergyboard.ca</a> and Board Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at ljuba.djurdjevic@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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**DATED** at Toronto, **November 12, 2012** 

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

## Appendix 'A'

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**Procedural Order No. 1** 

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.

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**Applicant and List of Intervenors** 

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