

EB-2012-0167

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 Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2013.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 January 9, 2013

Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. ("Thunder Bay Hydro") filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 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 Thunder Bay Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board has assigned the Application file number EB-2012-0167.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated December 3, 2012. The School Energy Coalition ("SEC"), Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario ("AMPCO") applied for intervenor status and cost award eligibility. No objection was received from Thunder Bay Hydro.

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

The Board has decided to make provision at this time for written interrogatories. The Board reminds parties that interrogatories must reference the pre-filed evidence and, in accordance with *Chapter 1 of the Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications* ("Filing Requirements"), parties must sort their interrogatories and responses by topic as outlined in the exhibits in the Filing Requirements. The Board encourages parties to use a continuous numbering system to facilitate subsequent referencing of the 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:

- Intervenors shall request any information and material from Thunder Bay Hydro that is in addition to Thunder Bay 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 Thunder Bay Hydro on or before January 28, 2013. Interrogatories from Board staff shall be submitted by January 21, 2013.
- 2. Thunder Bay Hydro shall file with the Board complete written responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to Intervenors or before **February 19, 2013.**

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2012-0167, be made through the Board's web portal at www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/service/, 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 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, Maureen Helt at maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, January 9, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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Appendix 'A'

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Procedural Order No. 1

Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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