

EB-2012-0130

**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 Halton Hills Hydro 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 10, 2013

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. ("HHHI") filed an application ("the Application") with the Ontario Energy Board ("the Board") on October 12, 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 HHHI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board assigned the application File Number EB-2012-0130.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing (the "Notice") dated October 18, 2012 in which the Board established dates for the filing of written interrogatories, responses to interrogatories, submissions and responses to submissions.

In its Decision for HHHI's 2012 cost of service application (EB-2011-0271), the Board directed the Board's Regulatory Audit and Accounting group ("Regulatory Audit") to conduct an audit review of an audit of the PP&E balance including detail sufficient to support the amount that is to be amortized, whether it is one of the three balances already submitted in the cost of service proceeding or some other amount. HHHI filed the KPMG audit report in September 2012. The above noted Decision also directed the following:

When Regulatory Audit has concluded its audit review of the account, and depending on its conclusions, the Board will determine whether it is necessary to revise the account balance for purposes of issuing a final order prior to HHH's next IRM rate application. If necessary, HHHI will be required to prepare a final draft order to that effect at that time.

In correspondence to the Board dated January 8, 2013, Regulatory Audit notified the Board that has not yet completed its audit review of Account 1575 however indicated that it was in the process of completing the audit review and with the Board's permission, will file its report in this proceeding on or before January 14, 2013.

As a matter of expedience and efficiency, the Board will accept the filing of Regulatory Audit's audit review in this proceeding. As a result of this late filing the Board makes provision for the following:

## THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Board staff may file written submissions on Regulatory Audit's audit review of HHHI's PP&E balance, and copy HHHI by January 21, 2013.
- 2. HHHI may file with the Board its written response to Board staff submissions by January 28, 2013.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2012-0130, 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, Kelli Benincasa at <a href="mailto:kelli.benincasa@ontarioenergyboard.ca">kelli.benincasa@ontarioenergyboard.ca</a> and Board Counsel, Maureen Helt at <a href="mailto:maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca">maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca</a>.

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**DATED** at Toronto January 10, 2013

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