

EB-2012-0107

**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 Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2013.

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3 February 12, 2013

Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation ("Bluewater Power") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 22, 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 Bluewater Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated November 15, 2012. In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, issued on December 11, 2012, the Board made provision for written interrogatories. The Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario, Energy Probe Research Foundation, School Energy Coalition, Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition and Board staff filed interrogatories. Bluewater Power filed correspondence requesting an extension to file the responses to the interrogatories. In Procedural Order No. 2, issued on January 31, 2013, the Board granted an extension from January 30, 2013 to February 4, 2013, to file the responses.

After reviewing the interrogatory responses filed on February 4, 2013, the Board has decided to make provision for written supplemental interrogatories followed by a settlement conference. In the event that a complete settlement is not achieved, the Board will hold an oral hearing to examine the outstanding issues.

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. Board staff and intervenors shall request any information and material from Bluewater Power that is in addition to Bluewater Power's response to interrogatories filed on February 4, 2013, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written supplemental interrogatories filed with the Board and served on Bluewater Power on or before **February 22, 2013**.
- 2. Bluewater Power shall file with the Board complete written responses to the supplemental interrogatories and serve them on intervenors on or before **March 8, 2013.**
- 3. A Settlement Conference will be convened on March 18, 2013, 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, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, and may continue on March 19, 2013, if needed.
- 4. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board no later than **March 28, 2013**.
- 5. An oral hearing will commence on **April 4, 2013** starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto. The hearing may continue on **April 5, 2013**. In the event that a settlement agreement is filed with the Board, the presentation of the agreement will be made at the commencement of the oral hearing on April 4, 2013.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, **EB-2012-0107**, 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

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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, Violet Binette at <a href="mailto:violet.binette@ontarioenergyboard.ca">violet.binette@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, February 12, 2013

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