



EB-2012-0137

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 Hydro
One Remote Communities 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
February 28, 2013

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. ("Remotes") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 17, 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 Remotes charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. Additional evidence was required to complete the application which was filed on or before November 12, 2012. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2012-0137.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated January 22, 2013. Cat Lake First Nation ("CLFN"), Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), Nishnawbe Aski Nation ("NAN"), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for intervenor status and eligibility for a cost awards. Remotes did not object to the requests.

The Board has determined that CLFN, Energy Probe, NAN and VECC are 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 notes that interrogatories must reference the pre-filed evidence and must be filed by topic as outlined in the exhibits in Remotes' pre-filed evidence. The Board also requires that Remotes file the responses to these interrogatories by topic instead of by intervenor. To facilitate the intervenors' review of the responses to their interrogatories, interrogatory responses for each topic shall be grouped by intervenor within the topic. To make for a more efficient and less costly process, Board staff will file their interrogatories in advance of the intervenor interrogatories, and intervenors are expected to coordinate their interrogatories so as to avoid duplication. 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:

1. Intervenors shall request any information and material from Remotes that is in addition to Remotes' pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Remotes on or before **March 22, 2013**. Interrogatories from Board staff shall be submitted on or before **March 14, 2013**.
2. Remotes shall file with the Board complete written responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to intervenors on or before **April 8, 2013**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2012-0137, be made through the Board's web portal at www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/, 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, Neil Mather at Neil.Mather@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Maureen Helt at Maureen.Helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, February 28, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Board Secretary

Appendix 'A'

To

Procedural Order No. 1

Hydro One Remotes Communities Inc.

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Applicant and List of Intervenor
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