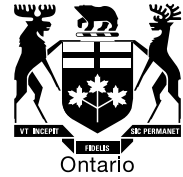


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**BY E-MAIL**

March 15, 2013

Mr. Wilf Thorburn  
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### **LETTER OF DIRECTION**

Dear Mr. Thorburn:

**Re: Atikokan Hydro Inc.  
Application for Smart Meter Cost Recovery  
Board File Number EB-2013-0019**

The Ontario Energy Board has now issued its Notice of Application and Hearing relating to your 2013 smart meter cost recovery application (the "Notice"). Please note that you must publish the Notice within **fourteen days** of the date of this letter. If publication is not possible within fourteen days, you must inform the Board Secretary immediately.

You are directed:

1. To arrange immediately for the publication of the English version of the Notice, in the form accompanying this Letter of Direction, including all graphics and the words "Ontario Energy Board", in one issue of the English language newspaper having the highest circulation, according to the best information available, in Atikokan Hydro Inc.'s service area;

Please note that invoices regarding publication are not to be sent to the Board.

2. The Board notes that this application for Smart Meter cost recovery is a follow-up application directed by the Board in its Decision and Order EB-2011-0293 regarding Atikokan Hydro Inc.'s 2012 cost of service application:

The Board will accept VECC's proposal and allow for recovery of 50% of the requested smart meter costs at this time. The Board will direct the Regulatory Accounting and Audit branch of the Board to conduct an audit of Atikokan's smart meter costs. The results of the audit will be considered by the Board with respect to the final amounts to be authorized for recovery in a future application to be filed by Atikokan no later than 6 months from the completion of the subject audit.<sup>1</sup>

The Board deems VECC to be a registered intervenor in this proceeding, and eligible for cost awards as is its standard status.

3. If Atikokan Hydro Inc. is a Host Distributor, to immediately, and no later than the date of publication of the Notice, serve a copy of the Notice directly on its Embedded Distributor(s);
4. To file with the Board an affidavit proving publication and service of the Notice immediately thereafter;
5. To make a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review at Atikokan Hydro Inc.'s office and on its website;
6. To make a copy of the Notice available for public review at Atikokan Hydro Inc.'s office and on its website; and,
7. To provide a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

You are further directed not to include any document(s) or material(s) when serving the Notice other than document(s) or material(s) expressly required by this Letter of Direction to be served.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

Encl.

cc: Mr. Michael Janigan, counsel for the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

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<sup>1</sup> Decision and Order EB-2011-0293, June 18, 2012, page 31