



EB-2013-0066

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING FOR A LICENCE RENEWAL

INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM OPERATOR

The Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on March 1, 2013, under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the “OEB Act”) to renew its licence. The Board has assigned file number EB-2013-0066 to the application.

The IESO was established in April 1999, and has been continued as a corporation without share capital pursuant to Part II and section 4 of the *Electricity Act, 1998*. The objects of the IESO are set out in section 5(1) of the *Electricity Act, 1998* and, include,

- (b) to enter into agreements with transmitters giving the IESO authority to direct the operations of their transmission systems;
- (c) to direct the operation and maintain the reliability of the IESO-controlled grid to promote the purposes of [the Electricity Act];
- (g) to operate the IESO-administered markets to promote the purposes of [the Electricity Act].

Under section 32(1) of the *Electricity Act, 1998*, the IESO may make rules governing the IESO-controlled grid and markets related to electricity and ancillary services.

The IESO requires a licence under sub-sections 57(g) and (h) of the OEB Act to direct the operation of transmission systems in Ontario and operate the market established by the market rules. The IESO’s current licence will expire on July 30, 2013. The granting of the licence will enable the applicant to exercise its powers and perform the duties as set out in the *Electricity Act, 1998*. The IESO’s current licence was issued with a five (5) year term. The IESO is seeking to renew its licence for a twenty (20) year term.

The application will be decided by an employee of the Board who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the OEB Act. The employee does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding this application.

How to see the IESO's Application

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry, and at the IESO's office and on its website.

Written Hearing

The Board intends to proceed with this matter by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant within **10 days** of the issuance of this notice.

How to Participate

Intervene

If you wish to actively participate in the proceeding (e.g., submit questions, file argument), you may request intervenor status from the Board no later than **10 days** after the publication or service date of this notice. Instructions for requesting intervenor status are available on the Board's website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate. Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which can be seen at the Board's office and will be available on the Board's website.

If you do not have internet access, please call 1-877-632-2727 to receive information about this proceeding and how to participate.

Comment

If you wish to comment on the proceeding without becoming an intervenor, you may submit a letter of comment to the Board Secretary. You are invited to send a written letter of comment to the Board no later than **30 days** after the publication or service date of this notice. A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicant and the Hearing Panel.

Observe

If you do not wish to actively participate in the proceeding but you do wish to receive documents issued by the Board, you may request observer status. Your written request must be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice.

Personal Information in Letters of Comment and Observer Requests

All letters of comment or letters requesting observer status will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters can be seen at the Board's office and will be available on the Board's website. Before placing the letters on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e. not business) contact information from the letters (i.e. the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the letter will become part of the public record. Please address your letter to the Board Secretary at the address below, and reference file number EB-2013-0066 at the top of your letter.

Interrogatories and Submissions

Board-approved intervenors or Board staff wishing information and material from the IESO that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board and that is relevant to the hearing shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to the IESO on or before **April 30, 2013**. The IESO shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to all intervenors no later than **May 14, 2013**.

Anyone who wishes to make a submission on the applications must file that written submission with the Board and deliver it to the applicant by **May 28, 2013**. If the applicant wishes to respond to the submission(s), the written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to all parties who made submission by **June 11, 2013**. All written submissions will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2013-0066 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. 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.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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