

EB-2012-0165

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 Sioux Lookout 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 April 1, 2013

Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. ("SLHI") filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on February 22, 2013 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 SLHI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2012-0165.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated March 7, 2013. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition("VECC") filed a letter requesting intervenor status and cost eligibility. No objection was received.

The Board has determined that VECC will be granted intervenor status and eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The Board has decided to make provision at this time for written interrogatories. The Board reminds Board staff and VECC that interrogatories must reference the pre-filed evidence and, in accordance with *Chapter 1 of the Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications* ("Filling Requirements"), must sort interrogatories and responses by topics as outlined in the exhibits in the Filing Requirements. The Board encourages Board staff and VECC 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 at this time 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 VECC shall request any information and material from SLHI that is in addition to SLHI's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to SLHI on or before **April 19, 2013**.
- 2. SLHI shall file with the Board complete written responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to VECC and Board staff on or before **May 10, 2013.**

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2012-0165, be made through the Board's web portal at https://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 http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below.

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, Suresh Advani at Suresh.Advani@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Maureen Helt at Maureen. Helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **April 1, 2013 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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