

**Board Staff Interrogatories**  
**Application for Extension to Mandated Time-of-Use Pricing Date**  
**for Regulated Price Plan Consumers**  
**Algoma Power Inc.**  
**EB-2013-0056**  
**Dated April 22, 2013**

**Board Staff questions**

Preamble

Algoma Power Inc. ("Algoma Power") filed an application dated February 26, 2013 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for a licence amendment granting an extension in relation to the mandated date for the implementation of time-of-use ("TOU") pricing rates for Regulated Price Plan ("RPP") consumers. Algoma Power is requesting an indefinite extension due to technological constraints for approximately 300 customers outside the reach of its infrastructure.

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") has experienced similar technological constraints with some of its hard to reach customers. Hydro One requested a similar indefinite extension to its mandated TOU pricing date (EB-2012-0384) and was granted a two year extension by the Board on December 21, 2012.

Questions

- a) Algoma Power's earlier extension application granted an extension to December 31, 2012. This current application was received by the Board on February 26, 2013. Please describe in detail the factors that Algoma Power considered in making this application and the reasons for submitting it almost two months after the extension had expired.
- b) Please provide details on how Algoma Power intends to make progress with transitioning the affected customers if it is granted the indefinite exemption.
- c) Please describe in detail the cost consequences of the delay on Algoma Power's Smart Meter and TOU Implementation plan.
- d) Are there any other factors (internal and/or external) that Algoma Power has identified that may hinder its ability to comply with its requested mandatory TOU price date?
- e) If Algoma Power is granted the indefinite exemption, what reporting measures would be appropriate for it to report on its progress regarding transitioning the affected customers to TOU pricing?

- f) Is Algoma Power communicating or working with Hydro One or any other utilities to deal with the technological constraints? If not, why not?
- g) Please confirm the current status of the smart meter deployment and TOU implementation for Algoma Power's service territory.