

EB-2008-0096

# NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING FOR A LICENCE RENEWAL INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM OPERATOR

The Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, received on April 30, 2008, under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 to renew its licence. The Board has assigned file number EB-2008-0096 to the application.

The IESO was established on 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 ancilliary services.

The IESO requires a licence under sub-sections 57(g) and (h) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 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, 2008. 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*.

### **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.oeb.gov.on.ca, and at the IESO's office and on its website.

#### **How to Participate**

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

#### 1. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board

Your letter with comments will be provided to the Board members deciding the application, and will be part of the public record for the application. Your letter must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

#### 2. Become an Observer

Observers do not actively participate in the proceeding but monitor the progress of the proceeding by receiving documents issued by the Board. You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in this proceeding. If you become an observer, you need to contact the applicant and others in order to receive documents that they file in this proceeding and they may charge you for this. Most documents filed in this application will also be available on the Board's website. Your request for observer status must be made in writing and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts observer request letters by either post or e-mail at the addresses below; however, two paper copies are also required. You must also provide a copy of your letter to the applicant.

#### 3. Become an Intervenor

You may ask to become an intervenor if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Intervenors are eligible to receive evidence and other material submitted by participants in the hearing. Likewise, intervenors will be expected to send copies of any material they file to all parties to the hearing.

Your request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicant. The Board does not intend to order costs in this proceeding.

The Board intends to proceed with this application by way of written hearing. The Board will not hold a written hearing if a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing, your letter of intervention must include reasons why an oral hearing is necessary.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at <a href="www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</a>. Additionally, two paper copies are required. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the Board's website under efilings and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to submit and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at <a href="www.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.oeb.gov.on.ca</a>, e-Filing Services. The Board also accepts interventions by email, at the address below, and again, two additional paper copies are required. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

#### **How to Contact Us**

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2008-0096 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.

#### <u>Addresses</u>

## The Board: The Applicant:

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