Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2012-0175

**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 West Coast Huron Energy Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2013.

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3 June 27, 2013

West Coast Huron Energy Inc. ("West Coast") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on February 28, 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 West Coast charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. The Board has assigned File No. EB-2012-0175 to the proceeding.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated February 28, 2013.

On April 1, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 granting the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario ("AMPCO"), the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility. The Board also set dates for intervenor interrogatories, West Coast's responses, Board staff interrogatories, and West Coast's responses to Board staff's interrogatories.

In response to a letter from West Coast asking for an extension to responding to intervenor interrogatories, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 granting the extension and setting new dates for filing responses to intervenor's interrogatories, filing of Board staff interrogatories, and West Coast's responses to those interrogatories.

After reviewing the responses to the interrogatories, the Board has determined that provision should be made for further written interrogatories for the purpose of clarifying the information provided by West Coast in some of its responses.

## THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- Intervenors and Board staff who wish to ask questions that relate to the existing interrogatory responses from West Coast shall file written supplemental interrogatories with the Board and deliver a copy to West Coast on or before July 4, 2013. The questions should reference the existing interrogatory responses and the pre-filed evidence.
- 2. A teleconference amongst parties shall be held for the purposes of clarifying any supplemental interrogatories on **July 15, 2013**.
- 3. West Coast shall file with the Board complete written responses to the supplemental interrogatories and deliver them to intervenor(s) on or before **July 19, 2013.**
- 4. A Settlement Conference will be convened on **July 25, 2013** starting at 9:30 a.m., in the West **Hearing Room** at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto, with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. If necessary, the Settlement Conference will continue on **July 26, 2013**.
- 5. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board no later than **August 9, 2013**. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the Settlement Proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues, identifying those issues that the parties believe must be dealt with by way of written hearing.

In the event that no Settlement Proposal is reached, or that a partial settlement is reached:

- 6. West Coast shall file its written Argument in Chief no later than **August 2, 2013**.
- 7. Intervenors and Board staff shall file their final submissions no later than August 9, 2013.

## 8. West Coast shall file its Reply Argument no later than **August 16, 2013**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2012-0175, be made through the Board's web portal at <u>https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</u>, 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 <u>http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</u>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

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, Christie Clark at <u>Christie.Clark@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u> and Board Counsel, Maureen Helt at <u>Maureen.Helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>.

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