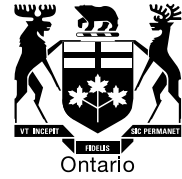


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September 13, 2013

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Dear Ms. Nanninga:

**Re: Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.  
Application for 2014 Rates – Request for Confidentiality  
Application Board File Number EB-2013-0147**

In its revised Application filed on June 21, 2013, Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. ("KWHI") claimed confidentiality with respect to a report issued by Dion Durrell & Associates Inc. ("Dion Durrell") filed as Exhibit 4/Tab 4/Schedule 1, following Appendix 2-K, pursuant to the Board's *Practice Direction on Confidentiality* (the "Practice Direction"). KWHI had claimed confidentiality for the entire document. The basis for the claim was that Dion Durrell & Associates Inc. "is a consulting firm engaged in competitive business and that public disclosure of its methodologies [documented in the actuarial report commissioned by KWHI] could disadvantage them in the marketplace."

In Procedural Order No. 1 issued on August 22, 2013, the Board directed KWHI to file a redacted public summary of its report and provided parties with an opportunity to file submissions on the confidentiality request. KWHI complied with this on August 28, 2013.

On September 6, 2013, Board staff filed its submission on the request for confidentiality. Board staff noted that such reports of the actuarial valuation of post-retirement benefits are required by the Board's Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications, and that such reports have been filed publicly and in their entirety in other

applications. Board staff referenced two recent rates applications, for London Hydro Inc. [EB-2012-0146] and Thunder Bay Hydro Inc. [EB-2012-0167], where the actuarial reports on Post-Retirement Benefits were filed in their entirety and on the public record in recently concluded applications for 2013 rates. Board staff also noted that the actuarial report filed in Thunder Bay Hydro Inc.'s 2013 rates application was also conducted by Dion Durrell. Board staff questioned the basis for confidentiality given that similar reports, including those by Dion Durrell have been filed publicly previously.

No intervenors filed submissions.

On September 10, 2013, KWHI filed its reply informing the Board that it had consulted with Dion Durrell. In light of the fact that Dion Durrell's report had been filed publicly in the Thunder Bay Hydro case, the consultant agreed to rescind its request for confidentiality. KWHI concluded:

*KWHI therefore rescinds its request for confidentiality of the Dion Durrell Study of Post-Retirement Benefits and requests that the report, in its entirety, become part of the public record in this rate filing.*

The Board accepts KWHI's request to rescind the request for confidential treatment of the Dion Durrell report.

The Board notes that the Dion Durrell report currently is filed in hardcopy and with a text box marked "Confidential For Discussion Purposes Only". KWHI is therefore directed to file, under a covering letter, a public unredacted version of the report that removes the text box, and this should be filed in both electronic and hardcopy versions and copied to all registered intervenors. In light of the dates set for filing of interrogatories, the Board asks that KWHI do this expeditiously.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

John Pickernell  
Assistant Board Secretary

cc: Registered Intervenors to EB-2013-0147