



EB-2013-0143

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 Hydro Ottawa
Limited for an order approving just and reasonable rates and
other charges for electricity distribution to be effective
January 1, 2014.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

September 30, 2013

Hydro Ottawa Limited ("Hydro Ottawa") filed a complete application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on August 16, 2013 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), under the Board's guidelines for 4th Generation Incentive Regulation Mechanism. Hydro Ottawa is seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro Ottawa charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2014. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2013-0143.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 5, 2013. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe") applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility in relation to Hydro Ottawa's request for a variance account for losses on disposal of assets, including first generation smart meters. No objection was received.

The Board has determined that VECC and Energy Probe are granted intervenor status. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Appendix A to this procedural order. The Board has also determined that VECC and Energy Probe are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* in relation to Hydro Ottawa's proposed variance account for losses on disposal of assets, including first generation smart meters.

The Board intends to hold a written hearing in this case. Parties that believe an oral hearing is required may make written submissions to the Board. The Board has decided to make provision at this time for written interrogatories, interrogatory responses, submission and reply submission. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Board staff and the intervenors shall request any information and material from Hydro Ottawa that is in addition to Hydro Ottawa's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the Board and served to Hydro Ottawa on or before **October 10, 2013**.
2. Hydro Ottawa shall file with the Board complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them to Intervenor(s) on or before **October 24, 2013**.
3. Board staff and intervenors wishing to file a written submission shall do so by **November 7, 2013**. Any submission should be filed with the Board and delivered to Hydro Ottawa and intervenors.
4. Hydro Ottawa may file a written reply submission with the Board, and deliver it to intervenors by **November 21, 2013**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2013-0143, 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. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 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, Martha McOuat at martha.mcouat@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Maureen Helt at maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, September 30, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Board Secretary

Appendix 'A'

To

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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