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



EB-2013-0214

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 Powered Connections Inc. DBA PCI Energy for an electricity retailer licence.

By delegation, before: Theodore Antonopoulos

DECISION AND ORDER October 3, 2013

Powered Connections Inc. DBA PCI Energy ("PCI Energy") filed a complete application on June 11, 2013 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act") for an electricity retailer licence. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2013-0214.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Written Hearing on June 27, 2013. Board staff filed written interrogatories on July 16, 2013. PCI Energy responded to Board staff's interrogatories on July 30, 2013. Board staff filed a submission on the application on August 12, 2013. PCI Energy did not file a reply submission.

Board staff submitted that PCI Energy has adequate technical and financial capabilities to operate effectively in the Ontario market.

With respect to PCI Energy's past conduct in Ontario, Board staff noted that PCI Energy has not previously been licensed in Ontario and therefore has no past history of conducting business in Ontario. However, Board staff submitted that PCI Energy's interrogatory responses provided a detailed description of the policies, processes and procedures in place, or to be put in place, to ensure compliance with its legal and regulatory requirements if licensed, which Board staff submitted reasonably addressed its concerns.

Based on the evidence and submission on the record, I agree with Board staff and find that it is in the public interest to grant PCI Energy an electricity retailer licence under Part V of the Act.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The application for an electricity retailer licence is granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.

DATED at Toronto, October 3, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Theodore Antonopoulos Manager, Electricity Rates