



EB-2013-0139

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
AND
ORDER FOR INTERIM RATES**

November 6, 2013

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. ("HHI") filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on July 24, 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 HHI charges for electricity distribution effective January 1, 2014. The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated August 9, 2013.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for and received intervenor status and cost eligibility.

In Procedural Order No.1 issued on September 24, 2013, the Board made provision for written interrogatories followed by a Settlement Conference. On October 28, 2013, HHI filed a letter requesting the Board to reconsider its provision for a Settlement Conference and proceed instead by way of written hearing to avoid incremental travel and expenses. The Board has reviewed HHI's request and has determined that the Settlement Conference will be cancelled. The Board will grant HHI's request to proceed by way of a written hearing.

On October 30, 2013, HHI filed another letter requesting the Board to extend the filing date for interrogatory responses until November 6, 2013. The Board approves HHI's extension request; however reminds HHI that requests should be made before the filing deadline.

Interim Rates

In the Application, HHI requested an effective date of January 1, 2014. The Board will make HHI's current approved rates interim pending the outcome of this proceeding. This determination is made without prejudice to the Board's decision on HHI's application, and should not be construed as predictive in any way of the Board's final determination regarding the effective date for HHI's rates.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. HHI shall file with the Board complete written interrogatory responses and serve them on VECC by **November 6, 2013**.
2. Board staff shall file a written submission, if any, with the Board, and serve it on HHI and VECC, on or before **December 2, 2013**.
3. VECC shall file a written submission, if any, with the Board, and serve it on HHI, on or before **December 9, 2013**.
4. If HHI wishes to respond to a submission, the response must be filed with the Board and served on VECC no later than **December 23, 2013**.
5. HHI's current rate order is declared interim effective January 1, 2014.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2013-0139, be made electronically through the Board's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>, in searchable / unrestricted PDF

format. Two paper copies must also be filed at the Board's address provided below. 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, Silvan Cheung at silvan.cheung@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at ljuba.djurdjevic@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **November 6, 2013**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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