



EB-2013-0359

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 Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective February 1, 2014, and May 1, 2014.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
November 27, 2013

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (“NPEI”) filed a complete application (the “Application”) with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on October 10, 2013 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), and the Board’s *Guideline G-2011-0001: Smart Meter Funding and Cost Recovery – Final Disposition*. NPEI is seeking approval for changes to the rates that NPEI charges for electricity distribution. NPEI is seeking approval for a Smart Meter Disposition Rate Rider (“SMDR”) to be effective February 1, 2014 and for a Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement Rate Rider (“SMIRR”) to be effective May 1, 2014. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2013-0359.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated October 28, 2013. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility. No objection was received.

The Board grants VECC intervenor status and eligibility to apply for an award of costs under the Board’s *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The Board has decided to make provision at this time for written interrogatories, interrogatory responses, submission and reply submission.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Board staff and VECC shall request any information and material from NPEI that is in addition to NPEI's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the Board and served to NPEI and intervenors on or before **December 12, 2013**.
2. NPEI shall file with the Board complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them to Board staff and VECC on or before **January 17, 2014**.
3. Written final submissions by Board staff must be filed with the Board and copied to all other parties by **January 31, 2014**.
4. Written final submissions by VECC must be filed with the Board and copied to all other parties by **February 7, 2014**.
5. NPEI may file a written reply submission with the Board, and deliver it to intervenors by **February 21, 2014**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2013-0359, 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, Georgette Vlahos at georgette.vlahos@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Maureen Helt at maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **November 27, 2013**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix 'A'

To

Procedural Order No. 1

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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