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



EB-2013-0196 EB-2013-0187 EB-2013-0198

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) (the "Act");

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Hydro One Inc. for leave to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Norfolk Power Inc. under section 86(2)(b) of the Act;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. seeking to include a rate rider in the 2013 Ontario Energy Board approved rate schedule of Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. to give effect to a 1% reduction relative to 2012 base electricity delivery rates (exclusive of rate riders) under section 78 of the Act;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. for leave to transfer its distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc. under section 86(1)(a) of the Act;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. for leave to transfer/assign its electricity distribution licence and rate order to Hydro One Networks Inc. under section 18 of the Act.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 9 February 18, 2014

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("HONI") and Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. ("NPDI"), both licensed electricity distributors, and Hydro One Inc. ("Hydro One"), HONI's parent company, filed related applications dated April 26, 2013 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"). The applications were amended on two occasions and subsequently clarified. This amendment process is described in Procedural Order No. 7 issued on November 27, 2013.

The applications, as clarified on January 8, 2014, are as follows:

- an application by Hydro One for leave to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Norfolk Power Inc. under section 86(2)(b) of the Act;
- an application by NPDI seeking to include a rate rider in the 2013 Ontario Energy Board approved rate schedule of NPDI to give effect to a 1% reduction relative to 2012 base electricity delivery rates (exclusive of rate riders) under section 78 of the Act;
- 3. an application by NPDI for leave to transfer its distribution system to HONI under section 86(1)(a) of the Act; and
- 4. an application by NPDI for leave to transfer/assign its electricity distribution licence and rate order to HONI under section 18 of the Act.

On January 24, 2014, the Board issued its Decision and Order on a Motion by the School Energy Coalition and Procedural Order No. 8 ("PO No. 8"). In PO No. 8, the Board directed Board staff and intervenors in the proceeding to notify the Board if they intended to file evidence by February 14, 2014. Pursuant to PO No. 8, only Essex Powerlines Corporation, Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation, and Niagara-on-the Lake Hydro Inc. (collectively "EBN") have filed a letter with the Board indicating that they intend to file evidence. The Board will therefore set a date for filing of EBN's evidence and will also make provision for interrogatories on that evidence and other matters related to this proceeding.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. EBN shall file its evidence with the Board and serve it on all parties on or before **February 25, 2014.**
- 2. Parties and Board staff wishing information or material from EBN that is in addition to EBN's filed evidence, and that is relevant to the proceeding, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and served on all parties on or before **March 11, 2014.** Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the evidence.
- 3. EBN shall file complete responses to the interrogatories with the Board and serve them on all parties on or before **March 25, 2014.**

- If the Applicants wish to file a written submission with the Board, they shall file their submission with the Board and serve it on all parties on or before April 4, 2014.
- 5. Intervenors or Board staff wishing to file a written submission shall file their submission with the Board and serve it on all parties on or before **April 14, 2014.**
- 6. If the Applicants wish to file a written reply submission, they shall file their reply submission with the Board and serve it on all parties on or before **April 24, 2014.**

All filings to the Board must quote file numbers, **EB-2013-0196**, **EB-2013-0187** and **EB-2013-0198**, be made electronically through the Board's web portal at <u>www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</u> 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 <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</u>. 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.

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, Gona Jaff at gona.jaff@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Kristi Sebalj at kristi.sebalj@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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