Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'Énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2013-0326

IN THE MATTER OF sections 25.20 and 25.21 of the *Electricity Act, 1998*;

AND IN THE MATTER OF a Submission by the Ontario Power Authority to the Ontario Energy Board for the review of its proposed expenditure and revenue requirements and the fees which it proposes for the year 2014.

DECISION ON INTERVENOR AND COST ELIGIBILITY and PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

May 6, 2014

On March 6, 2014, the Ontario Power Authority (the "OPA") filed with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") its proposed 2014 expenditure and revenue requirement and fees for review.

The OPA is seeking approval for the fees charged through electricity rates to recover its proposed 2014 operating budget of \$60.3 million. The operating budget is based upon the OPA's 2014-2016 Business Plan that was approved by the Minister of Energy on January 29, 2014. If the OPA's proposal is accepted, the current fee will increase from \$0.438/MWh to \$0.439/MWh.

The OPA has indicated that it may also request a new registration fee for its Large Renewable Procurement. Although this request is not part of the current application, the OPA may seek to amend the application to add this new fee.

The OPA proposes to hold its other fees (which are for registrations and applications that generally do not directly impact residential consumers) constant.

A record of all procedural matters that have been dealt with up to this point in this proceeding is available on the Board's website and at the Board's office.

Decision on Intervenor Status and Cost Eligibility

The Board received intervenor requests from the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") and Shell Energy North America (Canada) Inc. ("Shell").

The Board has determined that the IESO and Shell will be granted intervenor status in this proceeding.

The Board received intervenor and cost eligibility requests from the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario ("AMPCO"), Building Owners and Managers Association ("BOMA"), Canadian Manufactures and Exporters ("CME"), Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC").

The Board has determined that AMPCO, BOMA, CME, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC will be granted intervenor status and cost eligibility in this proceeding.

The applicant and intervenors are listed in Appendix A which is attached to this Decision.

Proceeding

The OPA has requested that the application proceed by written hearing. In the requests for intervenor status, no Parties have requested an oral hearing. The Board will proceed by written hearing unless a party to the proceeding demonstrates, by filing written reasons within 10 days of the date of this Order, and the Board is satisfied that there is good reason for not proceeding by way of written hearing.

Proposed Issues List

The OPA has proposed an Issues List ("Proposed Issues List") as part of its application.

In the anticipation that the OPA will be filing supplemental evidence relating to the fees for its Large Renewable Procurement, Issue 6.2 has been added. The Board has also made some minor modifications to the Proposed Issues List.

The Board will allow submissions on the Proposed Issues List.

The Proposed Issues List is attached as Appendix B.

At this time, the Board considers it necessary to make provisions for the following procedural matters. Please be aware that further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The OPA, intervenors and Board staff may make submissions on the Proposed Issues List and shall file any submissions with the Board and deliver them to the intervenors and the OPA no later than May 16, 2014.
- 2. The OPA may make reply submissions on the Proposed Issues List and shall file any submissions with the Board and deliver them to the intervenors no later than May 27, 2014.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number EB-2013-0326 and be made electronically through the Board's web portal at in searchable/unrestricted PDF format at https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/. Two paper copies and 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. 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 4:00 p.m. on the required date.

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Board Secretary Filings: <u>https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</u> E-mail: boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (Toll free) Fax: 416-440-7656

DATED at Toronto, May 6, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary **APPENDIX A**

APPLICANT AND LIST OF INTERVENORS

EB-2013-0326

ONTARIO POWER AUTHORITY

DATED: MAY 6, 2014

APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS

May 06, 2014

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PROPOSED ISSUES LIST

EB-2013-0326

ONTARIO POWER AUTHORITY

DATED: MAY 6, 2014

Ontario Power Authority PROPOSED ISSUES LIST 2014 Revenue Requirement Submission EB-2013-0326

1. CONSERVATION

- 1.1 2014 Operating Budget for Goal 1 Conservation
 - Is the Operating Budget of \$10,588 thousand allocated to Goal 1 reasonable?

2. POWER SYSTEM PLANNING

- 2.1 2014 Operating Budget for Goal 2 Power System Planning
 - Is the Operating Budget of \$5,749 thousand allocated to Goal 2 reasonable?

3. ELECTRICITY RESOURCES

- 3.1 2014 Operating Budget for Goal 3 Electricity Resources
 - Is the Operating Budget of \$15,028 thousand allocated to Goal 3 reasonable?

4. CORPORATE SUPPORT

- 4.1 2014 Operating Budget for Goal 4 Organizational Capacity
 - Is the Operating Budget of \$24,577 thousand allocated to Goal 4 reasonable?

5. Goal 5 – COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 2014 Operating Budget for Goal 5 Communications
 - Is the Operating Budget of \$4,398 thousand allocated to Goal 5 reasonable?

6. General

- 6.1 Proposed Usage Fee
 - Is the proposed usage fee reasonable?
- 6.2 Registration Fees
 - Are the proposed registration fees reasonable?

- 6.3 Deferral and Variance Accounts
 - Is the proposed disposition of the various Deferral and Variance Accounts reasonable and appropriate?
 - Are the proposed Deferral and Variance Accounts appropriate?
- 6.4 Commitments from previous Settlement Agreements and Decisions
 - Has the OPA responded appropriately to previous Settlement Agreements and Decisions?