



EB-2014-0162

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 Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. for an order, approving the recovery of certain amounts related to the restoration of electricity service in the Town of Milton due to an ice storm in December 2013, to be effective November 1, 2014 for 18 months.

PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 1
May 29, 2014

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. ("Milton Hydro") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on April 16, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for the recovery of certain amounts related to the restoration of electricity service in the Town of Milton due to an ice storm in December 2013. The Board has assigned File Number EB-2014-0162 to this application.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on May 6, 2014. The Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility.

The Board received two letters from Milton Hydro, each submitting that the intervention applications of Energy Probe and VECC were too broad in scope.

In its application for intervenor status and cost award eligibility, Energy Probe stated that it is a non-profit environmental and consumer organization which promotes economic efficiency in the use of resources and represents residential customers in Ontario.

With respect to Energy Probe's intervention request, Milton Hydro submitted:

"...this application by Energy Probe is very broad in nature and does not identify a representative of any specific residential customer group in Milton Hydro's distribution service area or the specific scope or interest in Milton Hydro's Z-Factor Application.

Milton Hydro respectfully requests that Energy Probe identify the specific residential customer group(s), from Milton, that have requested Energy Probe to intervene on their behalf and to provide any correspondence between the specific residential customer group and Energy Probe related to Energy Probe's intervention."

In its application for intervenor status and cost award eligibility, VECC indicated that it consists of the following organizations: a) The Federation of Metro Tenants Association ("FMTA"); and (b) The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations ("OCSCO"). VECC stated that OCSCO is a coalition of over 120 senior groups as well as individual members across Ontario which represents the concerns of over 500,000 senior citizens through its group and individual members.

With respect to VECC's intervention request, Milton Hydro submitted:

"...to advocate on behalf of Ontario's vulnerable consumers is a very broad mandate which does not identify a representative of any specific low-income and/or vulnerable customer group in Milton Hydro's distribution service area.

Milton Hydro respectfully requests that VECC identify the specific low-income and/or vulnerable customer group(s), from Milton who requested VECC to intervene on their behalf and to provide any correspondence between the specific low-income and/or vulnerable customer group(s) and VECC related to VECC's intervention."

In both cases, Milton Hydro submitted that the additional information requested by Milton Hydro will support the respective intervenor's application for intervenor status.

Neither Energy Probe nor VECC responded to Milton Hydro's letter. The Board requires that they do so.

The Board will make a determination with respect to intervenor status and cost eligibility at the same time. In order to facilitate this matter, the Board requests that Energy Probe and VECC provide the Board with their specific interest in this application. The application made by Milton Hydro is concise and deals with discrete issues. As such, Energy Probe and VECC will have had an opportunity to review the application and should be in a position to advise as to their specific interest in the application. The Board would find this information useful.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Energy Probe and VECC shall address the additional information requested by Milton Hydro by written responses filed with the Board and served to Milton Hydro on or before **June 5, 2014**.
2. Energy Probe and VECC shall state their specific interest in the application as requested by the Board with a written response filed with the Board and served to Milton Hydro on or before **June 5, 2014**

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2014-0162, 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, Suresh Advani at Suresh.Advani@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at Ljuba.Djurdjevic@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **May 29, 2014**

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