



EB-2014-0055

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 Algoma Power Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2015.

ISSUES LIST DECISION
August 28, 2014

Algoma Power Inc. ("Algoma Power") filed a complete cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on May 12, 2014 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 Algoma Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2015.

Procedural Order No. 2 made provision for the establishment of an issues list subsequent to the filing of interrogatory responses.

Algoma Power filed its interrogatory responses on August 7, 2014. To clarify any matters arising from the interrogatories, a transcribed Technical Conference was held August 20, 2014. Subsequent to the Technical Conference, parties conferred on and agreed to a proposed issues list for the Board's consideration. The Board has reviewed the proposed issues list and approves it for the purpose of this proceeding, attached as Appendix A.

Next, a Settlement Conference will be held among the parties and Board staff on September 8 and 9, 2014, as indicated in Procedural Order No. 2.

DATED at Toronto, **August 28, 2014**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix 'A'

Algoma Power Inc.

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Approved Issues List

August 28, 2014

**Approved Issues List
Algoma Power Inc. (EB-2014-0055)**

1. PLANNING

a) Capital

Is the level of planned capital expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning and pacing choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- i. customer feedback and preferences;
- ii. productivity;
- iii. benchmarking of costs;
- iv. reliability and service quality;
- v. impact on distribution rates;
- vi. trade-offs with OM&A spending;
- vii. government-mandated obligations; and
- viii. the applicant's objectives.

b) OM&A

Is the level of planned OM&A expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- i. customer feedback and preferences;
- ii. productivity;
- iii. benchmarking of costs;
- iv. reliability and service quality;
- v. impact on distribution rates;
- vi. trade-offs with capital spending;
- vii. government-mandated obligations; and
- viii. the applicant's objectives.

2. REVENUE REQUIREMENT

- i. Have all elements of the Base Revenue Requirement been appropriately determined in accordance with Board policies and practices?
- ii. Has the Base Revenue Requirement been accurately determined based on these elements?

3. LOAD FORECAST, COST ALLOCATION AND RATE DESIGN

- i. Are the proposed customer classes, load and customer forecast, loss factors, CDM adjustments and resulting billing determinants an appropriate reflection of the energy and demand requirements of the applicant and its customers?
- ii. Is the proposed cost allocation methodology including the revenue-to-cost ratios appropriate?
- iii. Are the applicant's proposals for rate design appropriate?

- iv. Is the applicant's proposal for RRRP funding appropriate?
- v. Do the impacts of any rate change require mitigation?

4. ACCOUNTING

- i. Have all impacts of any changes in accounting standards, policies, estimates and adjustments been properly identified and recorded, and is the rate-making treatment of each of these impacts appropriate?
- ii. Are the applicant's proposals for deferral and variance accounts and their disposition appropriate?

5. OTHER

- i. Is the applicant's proposal to seek recovery of the RRRP funding variance from the 2002 to 2007 period appropriate?