

EB-2014-0213

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 Hydro One Inc. for leave to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Woodstock Hydro Holdings Inc. under section 86(2)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998.

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. seeking to include a rate rider in its 2014 Ontario Energy Board approved rate schedule to give effect to a 1% reduction relative to 2014 base electricity delivery rates (exclusive of rate riders) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998.

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. for leave to dispose of its distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc. under section 86(1)(a) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.*

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. for leave to transfer Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.'s distribution licence and rate order to Hydro One Networks Inc. under section 18 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 September 2, 2014

Hydro One Inc. ("HOI") and Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. ("WHSI") filed related applications with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on July 11, 2014 seeking the following:

- 1. HOI applied for leave to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Woodstock Hydro Holdings Inc. under section 86(2)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (the "Act");
- 2. WHSI applied for inclusion of a rate rider in its 2014 Board approved rate schedule to give effect to a 1% reduction relative to 2014 base electricity delivery rates (exclusive of rate riders) under section 78 of the Act;
- 3. WHSI applied for leave to dispose of its distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc. under section 86(1)(a) of the Act; and
- 4. WHSI applied for leave to transfer its distribution licence and rate order to Hydro One Networks Inc. under section 18 of the Act.

The Board issued its Notice of Applications and Hearing (the "Notice") on July 31, 2014.

School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and The Corporation of the Township of Zorra requested intervenor status. A late intervention request was filed by a group called Concerned Citizens Against the Sale of Woodstock Hydro ("CSASWH"). The intervention request letter included a list of 467 names of individuals said to oppose the sale of Woodstock Hydro. The letter also indicated that the intervention is for the purpose of ensuring that the interests of Woodstock citizens and ratepayers are fully represented in this proceeding. I hereby approve the intervention requests. The intervenors are listed in Appendix A to this Procedural Order.

SEC and CSASWH have also applied for cost award eligibility. I find that both SEC and CSASWH are eligible for a cost award under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (the "*Practice Direction*"). The parties are advised to review the *Practice Direction* for further information about which types of costs and disbursements are eligible for recovery. It should also be noted that being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is distinct from a determination made by the Board at the conclusion of a proceeding, of the amount of a cost award. Attention should therefore also be paid to section 5 of the *Practice Direction* which lists the things the Board may consider in determining the amount of any cost award.

I consider it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding at this time. The Board may amend this procedural order or issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Board Staff and Intervenors shall request, from the Applicants, any information and material that is in addition to the Applicants' pre-filed evidence and that is relevant to the hearing by written interrogatories filed with the Board and served on the Applicants on or before **September 11**, **2014**. Where possible, the questions should specifically reference the pre-filed evidence.
- 2. The Applicants shall file complete responses to the interrogatories with the Board on or before **September 22, 2014.**

All filings to the Board must be made electronically through the Board's web portal at https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/ in searchable/unrestricted PDF format and quote file number, **EB-2014-0213**. 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 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.

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DATED at Toronto September 2, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

Kristi Sebalj Registrar

Hydro One Inc. Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.

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