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.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 6

September 12, 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.

The OPA proposed to charge a usage fee of \$0.439/MWh, an increase of \$0.001 from the 2014 interim approved fee of \$0.438/MWh, and a reduction of \$0.112/MWh from its 2013 approved usage fee of \$0.551/MWh.

The OPA proposed 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.

The Board issued Procedural Order No. 5 on August 22, 2014 that outlined various procedural steps including the following:

If there is a settlement or partial settlement agreement resulting from the Settlement Conference then that agreement shall be filed with the Board no later than September 12, 2014.

On September 12, 2014 the OPA filed a letter and stated the following:

The Ontario Power Authority ("OPA") is writing to inform the Board that because settlement discussions are still ongoing, the OPA is unable to file its Settlement Proposal with the Board today in accordance with the Board's Procedural Order No. 5 dated August 22, 2014.

The OPA will update the Board next week on the status of its settlement discussions.

The Board has already allowed for settlement discussions to take place on July 8, 9, 31 and September 5, 2014. The Board has also allowed for further procedural steps.

The Board will only grant an extension to September 15, 2014. In granting this request, the Board is not prepared to grant any further extensions on settlement discussions.

In the event that a settlement proposal has not been received by September 15, 2014, the Board will proceed to hear evidence on all outstanding issues on September 18, 2014.

At this time, the Board considers it necessary to make provisions for the following procedural matters.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. If there is a settlement or partial settlement agreement resulting from the Settlement Conference then that agreement shall be filed with the Board no later than **September 15, 2014.**

 An oral hearing is scheduled for the purpose of presenting a settlement agreement, if any and to hear evidence on all outstanding in the Board's West Hearing Room on the 25th Floor of the Board's offices located at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto on September 18, 2014 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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: https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/ E-mail: boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (Toll free) Fax: 416-440-7656

DATED at Toronto, September 12, 2014

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