

RP-2005-0020 EB-2006-0041

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF REGULATORY ASSETS (Third Combined Hearing)

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,* S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF applications by made by certain electricity distribution companies for approval of distribution rates for 2006.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF REGULATORY ASSETS FOR CERTAIN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTORS

Pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Schedule B electricity distribution companies have filed applications for the approval of distribution rates to be effective as of May 1, 2006. The Board has issued notice of these applications.

In the Board's RP-2005-0020 Procedural Order No. 1 dated November 2, 2005 the Board stated that it would issue procedural orders for the purpose of hearing issues related to the recovery of regulatory assets for distributors requesting the comprehensive review process.

In order to expedite the comprehensive review of issues related to regulatory asset recovery, the Board has determined that it will convene a combined oral hearing, dealing only with regulatory asset recovery issues, for Westario Power Inc., Hydro 2000 Inc., and Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

With respect to the Third Combined Oral Hearing for Comprehensive Regulatory Asset Review (the "CRA Review"):

- 1. The applicants in the CRA Review are: Westario Power Inc., Hydro 2000 Inc., and Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.
- 2. The CRA Review will deal only with regulatory asset recovery issues.
- 3. Intervenors are to notify the Board, the applicants, and other intervenors of any intention to file evidence in the CRA Review proceeding by March 6, 2006.
 - Should the Board be notified of such an intention, the Board will issue additional procedural orders as necessary.
- 4. Interrogatories to the applicants shall be filed with the Board, and served on the applicants and intervenors by March 10, 2006.
- 5. Responses from applicants to interrogatories shall be filed with the Board, and served on the applicants and intervenors by March 24, 2005.
- 6. A settlement conference will be conducted on March 30, 2006 for Westario Power. Parties will be advised of the times and locations by Board Staff. Any settlement proposal developed by the parties to CRA Review should be filed in writing with the Board and served on the applicant and all registered intervenors in the proceeding on or before April 5, 2006. The settlement proposal (if concluded) should clearly indicate which parties participated in the settlement discussions and are signatories to the proposal, and which parties (if any) from among the registered intervenors did not participate. If a settlement proposal is filed with the Board, parties that are not signatories to the proposal should advise the Board in writing of their position regarding the proposal not later than April 7, 2006.
- 7. The CRA Review oral hearing for Westario Power will commence at the Board's offices at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto, on Wednesday April 19, 2006 at 9:30 am.

If a settlement proposal is filed with the Board by April 5, 2006, the Board will hear a presentation of the proposal at the start of the hearing.

- 8. The CRA Review oral hearing for Hydro 2000 and Cooperative Embrun will commence at the Board's offices at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto, on Thursday April 20, 2006 at 9:30 am.
- 9. All filings to the Board noted in this Order must be in the form of 10 hard copies and must be received by the Board by 4:45 p.m. on the stated dates. The Board requires all filings to be in electronic as well as paper form. Therefore, all parties must also e-mail electronic copies of their filings to the Board Secretary at Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca. The Board requests that all parties make every effort to provide their filings in MS Word or MS Excel format for word-processed and spreadsheet documents respectively, or at a minimum in searchable PDF format.

A list of applicants and intervenors is included as Appendix "A" to this Procedural Order.

ISSUED at Toronto, March 1, 2006.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

John Zych Board Secretary

Appendix "A" to

Procedural Order No. 1

RP-2005-0020 EB-2006-0041 2006 ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATES COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF REGULATORY ASSETS

APPLICANTS & LIST OF INTERVENTIONS

Dated March 1, 2006

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March 2006

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