

RP-2004-0169 EB-2005-0373

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application made by Haldimand County Hydro Inc. pursuant to Section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the use of distribution facilities for the supply of electricity to Norfolk Power Distribution Inc..

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application made by Haldimand County Hydro Inc. pursuant to Section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 for and order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the distribution of electricity to be implemented by May 1, 2005.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

On March 18, 2004 Haldimand County Hydro Inc. filed an application for the approval of a rate to deliver electricity to Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. The Board assigned file RP-2004-0169. On March 4, 2005 the Board issued a Letter of Direction to Haldimand County Hydro Inc. to publish a Notice of Application in local papers.

On September 6, 2005 Haldimand County Hydro Inc. filed an application for the approval of distribution rates to be effective as of May 1, 2006 and the clearing of the regulatory asset accounts. The Board assigned file number EB-2005-0373 to this application. On October 12, 2005, the Board issued a Letter of Direction to Haldimand County Hydro Inc. to publish a Notice of Application in local papers. On January 11, 2006 the Board issued Procedural Order No. 5 Historical Test Year Filing for specified utilities, including the applicant to proceed by way of written hearing for the approval of distribution rates.

Under Section 21(5) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, the Board has the authority to combine two or more proceedings. The matter in RP-2004-0169 of setting a rate for a delivery service to Norfolk Power should properly be considered in the context of the full revenue requirement of the applicant and the costs to serve all customers which is the subject matter of EB-2005-373. In addition, the clearing of the regulatory assets, also a matter of EB-2005-0373, should be considered reflecting both the current and proposed arrangement with Norfolk Power Distribution Inc.. Thus, the Board will combine the two proceedings.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The applications of Haldimand County Hydro Inc., Board files RP-2004-0169 and EB-2005-0373 be combined.
- 2. The applicant immediately, by letter, serve a copy of this Procedural Order directly on the following registered intervenors, at the addresses shown in Attachment "A" to this letter:

Consumers Council of Canada,

The Schools Energy Coalition,

Public Interest Advocacy Centre, and

3. The applicant immediately serve by letter a copy of this Procedural Order directly on Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. to be addressed to the following:

Mr. Fred Druyf, President & CEO P.O. Box 588 70 Victoria Street Simcoe ON N3Y 4N6 4. All other aspects in PO #5 that specifically apply to this applicant stay in force.

ISSUED at Toronto, March 6, 2006.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Peter H. O'Dell

Assistant Board Secretary

APPENDIX "A"

PROCEDUTRAL ORDER No. 1

EB-2005-0373 RP-2004-0169

Certain Electricity Rates

LIST OF INTERVENTIONS

HALDIMAND COUNTY HYDRO INC. 2006 ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATES

RP-2005-0020 EB-2005-0373 RP-2004-0169

APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENTIONS

March 6, 2006

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