

EB-2006-0127

**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 London Hydro Inc. for approval of 2006 electricity distribution rates, file number RP-2005-0020 / EB-2005-0389;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** a request by London Hydro Inc. for an amendment to the Decision and Order in proceeding RP-2005-0020 / EB-2005-0389.

### PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

Pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Schedule B, London Hydro Inc. ("London Hydro") filed an application for the approval of distribution rates to be effective as of May 1, 2006.

On April 12, 2006, the Board issued its RP-2005-0020 / EB-2005-0389 Decision and Order (the "Decision") in connection with London Hydro's application.

Subsequent to the release of the Decision, London Hydro became aware that it had inadvertently omitted from its application a request for approval of a specific service charge for special meter reads. By letter dated May 3, 2006, London Hydro advised the Board of the omission and requested an expedited process for Board approval of the specific service charge for special meter reads. London Hydro states that the revenue impact of the amendment, if granted, is immaterial and proposes that its rates not be changed in any other respect.

The letter from London Hydro is attached to this Order as Appendix 1.

Pursuant to its powers under Rule 43.01 of its Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Board will conduct a review of the Decision to consider this new information provided by London Hydro. The Board will therefore invite submissions from registered intervenors in the RP-2005-0020 / EB-2005-0389 proceeding. A list of parties to that proceeding is attached to this Order as Appendix 2.

### THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- Registered intervenors in the RP-2005-0020 / EB-2005-0389 proceeding may file written submissions on this matter with the Board, and if so, shall serve their submissions on London Hydro Inc. and remaining intervenors on or before June 23, 2006.
- 2. London Hydro Inc. may file reply submissions with the Board, and if so, shall serve their reply submissions on registered intervenors on or before June 30, 2006.
- 3. All filings to the Board noted in this Order must be in the form of 4 hard copies and must be received by the Board by 4:45 p.m. on the stated dates. The Board also requires all filings to be in electronic form. Therefore, all parties must also email electronic copies of their filings to the Board Secretary at Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca., or otherwise make them available on CD or diskette. 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.
- 4. Service of documents to parties other than the Board may be effected by email only.

ISSUED at Toronto, June 16, 2006.

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Peter H. O'Dell

**Assistant Board Secretary** 

## **APPENDIX 1**

# **TO PRODEDURAL ORDER No. 1**

**BOARD FILE NO. EB-2006-0127** 

**DATED: June 16, 2006** 



May 3, 2006

Mr. John Zych, Secretary Ontario Energy Board PO Box 2319 2300 Yonge St, Suite 2700 Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1E4

**Re:** Specific Service Charges – Rate Code 15 – Special Meter Reads

London Hydro Inc. recently (April 12, 2006) received a Decision with Reasons and accompanying Rate Order effective May 1, 2006 for 2006 distribution rates.

During the implementation process, it was discovered that London Hydro inadvertently missed applying for a specific service charge in our rate application.

Specifically, London Hydro previously had two approved rates for Special Meter Reads (\$27 per occurrence during regular office hours and a \$39 per occurrence after office) and historically was utilized for the following:

- Special interval and non-interval site reads;
- EBT/Retailer requested special meter reads under 10.5 of the RSC.

During 2005, the \$27 regular hour charge was levied 313 times for a total revenue of \$8,451 and the after hour \$39 charge was not utilized.

As this charge historically has not represented a material level of revenue or activity, London Hydro is requesting an expedited approval process for this request (avoiding a full rate hearing and distribution rate amendments).

London Hydro is requesting the OEB approve the use of the default charge of \$30 for rate code 15 – Special Meter Reads, as contained in the 2006 Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook and the 2006 EDR Model.

London Hydro will continue to levee the \$27 charge per occurrence until either the \$30 default rate is approved by the OEB or a letter denying this request is received.

If this request is denied and the OEB deems necessary, London Hydro will rebate all funds collected under this charge after April 30, 2006.

If you require any further information, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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## **APPENDIX 2**

# **TO PRODEDURAL ORDER No. 1**

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**DATED: June 16, 2006** 

## LONDON HYDRO INC. 2006 ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATES RP-2005-0020 EB-2005-0389

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