Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2014-0187

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 Brantford Power Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective Jan. 1, 2015.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 September 23, 2014

Brantford Power Inc. ("Brantford Power") filed a complete application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on August 15, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) and under the Board's Filing Requirements for Incentive Regulation Rate Applications. Brantford Power is seeking approval for changes to the rates that Brantford Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2015. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2014-0187.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 2, 2014. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility in relation to Brantford Power's request for disposition of the balance in its variance account caused by the difference between the actual revenue impacts of conservation programs relative to what was anticipated and proposed recovery of revenue losses due to conservation programs. No objection was received.

I approve VECC as an intervenor and that VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* in relation to Brantford Power's request outlined above.

The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Appendix A to this procedural order.

Parties are reminded to consult sections 26 and 27 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (as revised April 24, 2014) regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

I consider it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Provision is being made for written submissions following the filing of interrogatory responses, unless the Board orders otherwise during the course of the proceeding. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- Board staff and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition shall request any information and material from Brantford Power that is in addition to Brantford Power's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the Board and served on Brantford Power on or before October 3, 2014.
- 2. Brantford Power shall file with the Board complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on VECC on or before **October 16, 2014.**
- 3. Unless the Board orders otherwise, Board staff and VECC wishing to file a written submission shall do so by **October 30, 2014**. Any submission should be filed with the Board and delivered to Brantford Power and VECC.
- 4. Unless the Board orders otherwise, Brantford Power may file a written reply submission with the Board, and deliver it to VECC by **November 13, 2014**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2014-0187 and be made electronically through the Board's web portal at

<u>https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</u> in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. 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 <u>http://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 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Kelli Benincasa at <u>Kelli.Benincasa@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u> and Board Counsel, Richard Lanni at <u>Richard.Lanni@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, September 23, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

Kristi Sebalj Registrar

Appendix 'A'

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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