



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 made by certain
electricity distribution companies for approval of distribution
rates for 2006.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
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/EB-2005-0041 Procedural Order No. 1 dated March 1, 2006, the Board outlined the process for the purpose of hearing issues related to the recovery of regulatory assets for Westario Power Inc., Hydro 2000 Inc. and Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.

With regard to the application of Westario Power, the Board notes that due to scheduling conflicts the responses from Westario Power to interrogatories from Board Staff and intervenors could not be submitted by the stated date of March 24, 2006. Also due to scheduling conflicts, the settlement conference scheduled for March 30, 2006 cannot take place. To accommodate all parties, the Board extends the deadline for responses to interrogatories by Westario Power to April 7, 2006 and reschedules the settlement conference to April 20, 2006, which is the earliest possible date thereafter. The Board also cancels the oral hearing set for April 19, 2006. If necessary, the Board will inform parties of its intention to convene an oral hearing following the settlement conference. If a comprehensive settlement is reached that is acceptable to the Board, the Board may issue a written Decision without the need to convene an oral hearing.

With regard to Hydro 2000 and Hydro Embrun, the Board amends its original procedure and will proceed by way of written hearing. Following the filings of responses to interrogatories by the applicants, the Board will make provision for submissions by Board Staff and intervenors, and reply submissions by the applicants. The Board will then consider all the evidence on the record and issue a written Decision in due course.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

1. Responses from Westario Power to interrogatories, originally to be filed with the Board on or before March 24, 2006, shall be filed with the Board and served on all intervenors by April 7, 2006.
2. The settlement conference originally scheduled for Thursday March 30, 2006 for Westario Power will instead be conducted on Thursday April 20, 2006. Parties will be advised of the time and location by Board Staff.
3. The CRA Review oral hearing for Westario Power originally scheduled to commence at the Board's offices at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto, on Wednesday April 19, 2006 is cancelled.
4. The CRA Review oral hearing for Hydro 2000 and Cooperative Embrun originally scheduled to commence at the Board's offices at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto, on Thursday April 20, 2006 at 9:30 am is cancelled. Intervenors and Board Staff

may file written submissions on the application with the Board on or before Monday April 17, 2006. Applicants may file reply submissions on or before Friday April 28, 2006.

5. 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.

ISSUED at Toronto, March 28, 2006.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

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