



EB-2014-0116

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 Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2015 and for each following year effective January 1 through to December 31, 2019.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
November 4, 2014

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (“THESL” or the “Applicant”) filed a Custom Incentive Rate (“CIR”) application (the “Application”) with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on July 31, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that THESL charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2015 and each year until December 31, 2019. Commencing in 2016, rates will be effective January 1.

At the time of filing its application, THESL stated that while it had aligned the Application with the Board’s guidance in many core respects, it had been prepared under the Board’s CIR method and contained unique structural and substantive elements, while also addressing a five-year period of significant activity. Accordingly, THESL requested that the Board provide for an evidence conference following interrogatories and before the technical conference to allow an opportunity for its witnesses to provide the Board and other parties with an overview of the central custom components of the Application. THESL proposed that the information provided at the evidence conference be transcribed and form part of the record of the proceeding.

The Board has further determined that the evidence conference will be in the form of a presentation to the Board. The presentation will, however, be open to the public and parties to the proceeding are welcome to attend. The Board expects that THESL's presentation will focus on the "customized" aspects of its CIR. The purpose of the evidence conference is not to provide an opportunity for cross-examination by the parties, but rather for THESL to deliver a presentation.

On September 17, 2014, Procedural Order No. 1 was issued which, among other matters, established that a transcribed Technical Conference would be held on November 17, 2014 at the Board's offices to clarify any matters arising from the interrogatories only, and if required would continue on November 18, 2014.

The Board has determined that THESL's proposal of an evidence conference would be useful and it is appropriate that it be held at the beginning of the Technical Conference on November 17, 2014.

After the evidence conference presentation has concluded, the Board will hear from parties as to the appropriate process to determine an issues list for this proceeding. This could cover such matters as: (1) whether or not there should be any prioritization of issues including which, if any, could be dealt with in writing rather than orally, (2) the need for an issues day, and (3) any other matters that parties may consider relevant.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision at this time for the following procedural steps.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. A transcribed evidence conference will be held **November 17, 2014** starting at 9:30 am in the Board's Offices at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto, Ontario. The Technical Conference established by Procedural Order No. 1 will commence immediately upon completion of the evidence conference.
2. All other procedural matters and corresponding dates established by Procedural Order No. 1 remain unchanged.

DATED at Toronto, November 4, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary