



EB-2014-0301
EB-2014-0072

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 Essex Powerlines Corporation for an order approving a Smart Meter Disposition Rate Rider (“SMDR”) and a Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement Rate Rider (“SMIRR”), each to be effective January 1, 2015;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Essex Powerlines Corporation for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2015.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

November 11, 2014

On September 23, 2014, Essex Powerlines Corporation (“Essex Powerlines”) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) to change the rates that Essex Powerlines charges for electricity distribution. Essex Powerlines is seeking approval to establish a Smart Meter Disposition Rate Rider (“SMDR”), and to establish a Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement Rate Rider (“SMIRR”), each to be effective January 1, 2015. The application was made under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, and the Board’s *Guideline G-2011-0001: Smart Meter Funding and Cost Recovery – Final Disposition* (the “Smart Meter Application”). The Board assigned the file number EB-2014-0301 to the Smart Meter Application.

On September 26, 2014, Essex Powerlines subsequently applied to the Board seeking approval for changes to the rates that Essex Powerlines charges for electricity

distribution, to be effective May 1, 2015. The application was filed under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 and under the Board's Filing Requirements for Incentive Regulation Rate Applications (the "Incentive Rate Regulation Application"). The Board assigned file number EB-2014-0072 to the Incentive Rate Regulation Application.

On September 29, 2014, Essex Powerlines filed a letter with the Board, requesting that the Board consolidate and hear the Smart Meter Application and the Incentive Rate Regulation Application together.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on October 20, 2014 confirming that the Board will hold a consolidated hearing for both of Essex Powerlines' applications.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility in relation to the Smart Meter Application; specifically, in relation to Essex Powerlines' request for the recovery of costs associated with the installation of smart meters in Essex Powerlines' service area. No objection was received.

I approve VECC as an intervenor and have determined that VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* in relation to Essex Powerlines' 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:

1. Board staff and VECC shall request any information and material from Essex Powerlines that is in addition to Essex Powerlines' pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the Board and served on Essex Powerlines on or before **November 17, 2014**.
2. Essex Powerlines shall file with the Board complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on VECC on or before **December 1, 2014**.
3. Unless the Board orders otherwise, Board staff and VECC wishing to file a written submission shall do so by **December 15, 2014**. Any submission should be filed with the Board and delivered to Essex Powerlines and VECC.
4. Unless the Board orders otherwise, Essex Powerlines may file a written reply submission with the Board, and deliver it to VECC by **January 12, 2015**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file numbers EB-2014-0301 and EB-2014-0072 and be made electronically through the Board's web portal at www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/ 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 www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry. 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, Georgette Vlahos at georgette.vlahos@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Richard Lanni at

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DATED at Toronto, November 11, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

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Registrar

Appendix 'A'

To

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS

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