



EB-2014-0213

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 Hydro One Inc. for leave to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Woodstock Hydro Holdings Inc. under section 86(2)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. seeking to include a rate rider in its 2014 Ontario Energy Board approved rate schedule to give effect to a 1% reduction relative to 2014 base electricity delivery rates (exclusive of rate riders) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. for leave to dispose of its distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc. under section 86(1)(a) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. for leave to transfer Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.'s distribution licence and rate order to Hydro One Networks Inc. under section 18 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3

November 28, 2014

Hydro One Inc. ("HOI") and Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. ("WHSI") filed related applications with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on July 11, 2014 seeking the following:

1. HOI applied for leave to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Woodstock Hydro Holdings Inc. under section 86(2)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act");

2. WHSI applied for inclusion of a rate rider in its 2014 Board approved rate schedule to give effect to a 1% reduction relative to 2014 base electricity delivery rates (exclusive of rate riders) under section 78 of the Act;
3. WHSI applied for leave to dispose of its distribution system to Hydro One Networks Inc. ("HONI") under section 86(1)(a) of the Act; and
4. WHSI applied for leave to transfer its distribution licence and rate order to HONI under section 18 of the Act.

The Board issued its Notice of Application and Hearing on July 31, 2014. Intervention requests were received from the School Energy Coalition ("SEC"), the Corporation of the Township of Zorra, and from a group named Concerned Citizens Against the Sale of Woodstock Hydro ("CSASWH"). On September 2, 2014, Procedural Order No. 1 was issued approving these requests for intervenor status. In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, interrogatories were filed by Board Staff and intervenors on September 11, 2014 and were answered by HONI on September 22, 2014.

On October 17, 2014 the Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 providing intervenors with an opportunity to request an oral hearing and to file evidence. SEC and CSASWH requested an oral hearing but did not file evidence. Counsel for HOI, HONI and WHSI opposed the requests for an oral hearing arguing that no justification for an oral hearing had been demonstrated.

The Board has decided to proceed by way of oral hearing, as it considers that cross-examination may assist in addressing issues raised by the intervenors.

Parties should, however, note that the hearing will be focused on those matters that are relevant to the Board's consideration of distributor consolidation transactions, in accordance with the Board's jurisprudence and current policies, namely, the "no harm" test.

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

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. An oral hearing shall be convened on **January 15, 2015** at the Board's hearing rooms at 2300 Yonge St, 25th Floor beginning at 9:30 a.m. If required the oral hearing will continue on **January 16, 2015**.

All filings to the Board must be made electronically through the Board's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/> in searchable/unrestricted PDF format and quote file number, **EB-2014-0213**. 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 <http://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.

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DATED at Toronto November 28, 2014

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