

EB-2015-0034

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

Ottawa River Power Corporation

Application for an Extension of Exemptions from Section 3.2 of the Retail Settlement Code and from Section 2.2.2 of the Standard Supply Service Code

The Application

Ottawa River Power Corporation ("Ottawa River") filed an application on February 11, 2015 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "OEB") under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,* (the "Act") to amend its electricity distributor licence. The amendment sought reflects an extension of exemption from the requirements of section 3.2 of the Retail Settlement Code ("RSC") and from section 2.2.2 of the Standard Supply Service Code ("SSS").

The application will be decided by an employee of the OEB who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the Act. The OEB does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding the application.

Section 3.2 of the RSC Code and section 2.2.2 of the SSS Code do not allow a distributor to purchase power from a generator that is not embedded within its service area. Section 3.2 of the RSC also does not allow a distributor to settle energy sales at a price other than the competitive electricity price as described in Appendix "A" to the RSC [the Hourly Ontario Electricity Price].

The application proposes continuing an arrangement whereby Ottawa River purchases approximately 30 percent of its power requirements from the Waltham Generating Station, which is owned by Brookfield Energy Marketing Inc. ("Brookfield Energy") and located in Quebec, about 15 miles from Ottawa River's service area. The current energy supply agreement between Brookfield Energy and Ottawa River

was made in 2009 and is ending on November 15, 2015. However, section 5 (b) of the agreement contemplates that the parties have the right to extend this agreement for a further period of five years. Ottawa River and Brookfield Energy agreed to extend the term of the agreement to November 30, 2020, conditional on the OEB approval of the extension of exemption from the requirements of section 3.2 of the RSC and from section 2.2.2 of the SSS.

How to see Ottawa River Power Corporation's Application

To see a copy of the application, go to the Consumer page of the OEB's website and enter the case number EB-2015-0034 in the "Find an Application" box. A copy can also be seen at the OEB's office and at Ottawa River Power Corporation's office at the addresses indicated below.

How to Participate

Interested persons may participate in the Board's hearing of the application by following the steps set out in this notice.

Oral vs. Written Hearings

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why. Your submission must be received by the OEB and copied to Ottawa River Power Corporation by **March 23, 2015.**

Interrogatories

If you wish to obtain information from the applicant that is in addition to the application materials already filed with the OEB (i.e. the "pre-filed evidence") and that is relevant to the hearing, you must request it by written interrogatories filed with the OEB, and delivered to the applicant, on or before **April 2, 2015**. Please ensure that each interrogatory request includes a reference to the relevant page or item in the pre-filed evidence.

The applicant shall file complete responses to each interrogatory with the OEB, and deliver them to all interested parties in the proceeding, no later than **April 14, 2015.**

Written Submissions

You may express your views on the application by filing a written submission with the OEB. Your submission must be received by the OEB and copied to Ottawa River Power Corporation by **April 28, 2015.**

If Ottawa River Power Corporation wishes to respond to any submission, its reply shall be made in writing, and filed with the OEB and copied to any party who made a written submission by **May 12, 2015.**

All written submissions sent to the OEB will be placed on the public record, which means that the written submissions will be available for viewing at the OEB's offices and will be placed on the OEB's website. If the written submission is from a private citizen, the OEB will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the written submission (e.g., the address, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual), before placing the written submission on the public record. However, the name of the individual and the content of the written submission will become part of the public record.

As stated elsewhere in this notice, you must provide a complete copy of your written submission (including your name, contact information, and everything written in the submission) to the applicant.

How to File Documents with the OEB

All written submissions filed with the OEB must quote file number **EB-2015-0034** and clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and email address. You must forward two paper copies and, if possible, an electronic copy in Word format and in searchable PDF format of your written submission to the OEB and one copy to the applicant. All written submissions 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.

Need more information?

For more information on how to participate please click on "Get Involved" under the "OEB and You" menu on the Consumer page of the OEB's website www.ontarioenergyboard.ca. If you do not have internet access, please call 1-877-

632-2727 (toll free) to receive information about this proceeding and how to participate.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE OEB MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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DATED at Toronto, March 4, 2015

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