



EB-2015-0199

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

Application by Algoma Power Inc. for an Exemption to Sections 2.10.1 and 7.11.1 to 7.11.7 of the Distribution System Code and its Mandated Date for Time-of-Use Pricing for Certain Regulated Price Plan Customers

The Application

Algoma Power Inc. has applied for an exemption from certain sections of the Distribution System Code (DSC) which relate to estimated billing and billing accuracy. If approved, the exemption would apply to 191 of the utility's "hard to reach" customers. Algoma Power requests that the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) grant this exemption effective April 15, 2015 until December 31, 2019.

The OEB issued the above-mentioned DSC amendments on April 15, 2015 (in proceeding EB-2014-0198). The Notice of the OEB's proposal to amend the DSC had previously been issued on February 5, 2015.

In addition, Algoma Power has requested an extension to the exemption to its mandated date for Time-of-Use (TOU) Pricing for certain hard to reach customers. Algoma Power requests that the exemption be effective from July 1, 2015 until December 31, 2019.

Algoma Power's requested TOU pricing date extension in this proceeding would apply to approximately 350 hard to reach customers for which the utility received an extension in OEB proceeding EB-2013-0056. The extension granted in that proceeding is in effect until July 1, 2015.

Algoma Power states it is not possible for it to economically connect its remaining meters to its Advanced Metering Infrastructure network or to make all meters communicate reliably enough to issue regular TOU bills based on actual meter

readings. Algoma Power states that the costs associated with the options available to connect more meters and make meters reliable are excessively high and would result in upward pressure on rates.

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.

How to see the Application

To see a copy of the application, go to the Consumer page of the OEB's website and enter the case number EB-2015-0199 in the "Find an Application" box. A copy can also be seen at the OEB's office and at Algoma Power's office at the address indicated below.

How to Participate

Interested persons may participate in the OEB'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 Algoma Power by **July 20, 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 **July 24, 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 **August 7, 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 Algoma Power by **August 21, 2015**.

If Algoma Power wishes to respond to any submissions, its reply shall be made in writing, and filed with the OEB and copied to any party who made a written submission by **September 4, 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 Board

All written submissions filed with the OEB must quote file number EB-2015-0199 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 to the OEB 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 A WRITTEN SUBMISSION OBJECTING TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING INTERROGATORIES OR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS 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, July 3, 2015

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