



August 21, 2015

Sent By Electronic Mail

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: OESP Self-Certification Requirement

Further to the Board's correspondence of August 10th setting out the self-certification obligations and deadlines in respect of the Ontario Electricity Support Program ("OESP"), this letter is to advise the Board that Halton Hills Hydro ("HHH") will not be in a position to have an officer certify that all Milestone 1 tasks have been completed by August 26th.

HHH will be ready to apply OESP credits to customer bills beginning January 1, 2016, and also expects to be ready to send and receive applications by October 15th. Neither of these project deadlines match up with the Board's self-certification deadlines, which HHH believes are arbitrary, for the reasons set out below.

The Board's self-certification requirements were released only 16 days before the first self-certification deadline, and falls at the same time as several distributors (including HHH) are required to file their cost-of-service rate applications. As a result, by the time the self-certification requirements were released on August 10th, HHH had already made internal plans to meet the October application stage and January 1, 2016 start date in accordance with a timeframe suitable to HHH personnel given their workload and other commitments.

HHH also notes the significant number of "open" items in the Question Log dealing with the OESP, which in practical terms means that HHH's internal personnel and external service providers find themselves working towards a moving target with respect to OESP readiness. For all of these reasons, HHH believes the self-certification deadlines to be arbitrary. Consequently, we firmly believe that there be no consequence for failing to certify by August 26th.

As mentioned, the key October and January 1st deadlines will be met by HHH.

Yours truly,

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