



EB-2015-0051

Algoma Power Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other
charges effective January 1, 2016.**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

October 7, 2015

Algoma Power Inc. (Algoma Power) filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 14, 2015 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) and under the OEB's filing requirements for incentive regulation rate applications seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2016.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on September 11, 2015. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) and the Algoma Coalition applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility in relation to Algoma Power's proposal for applying a change to the rate design for only customers in the R1 class. No objection was received.

I have determined that VECC and the Algoma Coalition are granted intervenor status and have determined that VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* in relation to Algoma Power's rate design proposal for customers in the R1 class. Under section 3.05 (i) of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, a municipality in Ontario, individually or in a group, is not eligible for an award of costs. As the Algoma Coalition represents the interests of a group of municipalities, I have therefore determined that the Algoma Coalition is not eligible to apply for an award of costs.

The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this procedural order.

Parties are reminded to consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB'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. I am making provision for written submissions following the filing of interrogatory responses, unless the OEB orders otherwise during the course of the proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any information and material from Algoma Power that is in addition to Algoma Power's evidence and that is relevant to the hearing by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to Algoma Power and all other parties by **October 16, 2015**.
2. Algoma Power shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to Intervenors by **October 28, 2015**.
3. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, any written submission by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and delivered to all other parties by **November 6, 2015**.
4. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, Algoma Power may file a written reply submission with the OEB, and deliver it to intervenors by **November 19, 2015**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2015-0051 and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB'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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Stephen Vetsis at Stephen.Vetsis@ontarioenergyboard.ca and OEB Counsel, Richard Lanni at Richard.Lanni@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **October 7, 2015**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

Kristi Sebalj
Registrar

Schedule A

To

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