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BY E-MAIL

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TO: ALL PARTIES:

**Re: OEB File Number: EB-2015-0089
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. Application for 2016 Distribution Rates**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has received a letter dated August 9, 2016 from counsel to Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. (Milton Hydro) advising that Milton Hydro intends to file a motion to review the OEB's July 28, 2016 Decision and Order and to request a stay of the Decision and Order, and that therefore, Milton Hydro would not file a draft rate order as required by the Decision and Order. The OEB has also received a response from counsel to the School Energy Coalition (SEC) urging the OEB to require Milton Hydro to proceed with the filing of a draft rate order.

The OEB agrees with SEC that utilities cannot decide unilaterally not to comply with an order of the OEB. A stay of the July 28, 2016 Decision and Order has not been formally requested, let alone granted. If Milton Hydro wanted relief from the requirement to file a draft rate order, it should have applied for such relief before the August 9, 2016 filing deadline. The OEB also agrees with SEC that having the draft rate order will be beneficial to the OEB when it considers Milton Hydro's motion to review and request for a stay.

Accordingly, the OEB expects Milton Hydro to file a draft rate order. The deadline for doing so is extended by three days to August 12, 2016. The deadline for OEB staff and intervenors to comment on the draft rate order is extended to August 18, 2016, and the deadline for Milton Hydro to respond to any comments is extended to August 22, 2016.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary