Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2016-0025

Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc., Horizon Utilities Corporation, and PowerStream Inc.

Application for approval to amalgamate to form LDC Co. and for LDC Co. to purchase and amalgamate with Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 5 September 21, 2016

Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc. (Enersource), Horizon Utilities Corporation (Horizon), and PowerStream Inc. (PowerStream), (collectively, the applicants) filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 18, 2016 under section 86 of the *Ontario Energy Board, 1998,* S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) (the Act) seeking approval of the following:

- a) Amalgamation of Enersource, Horizon, and PowerStream to form LDC Co.
- b) LDC Co. share purchase and amalgamation with Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. (Hydro One Brampton) and continuing as LDC Co.
- c) Enersource Holdings Inc. share purchase of Enersource
- d) Transfer of PowerStream's existing shares of Collus PowerStream Utility Services Corp to LDC Co.
- e) Transfer of Hydro One Brampton's distribution system to LDC Co

The applicants are also seeking approval for the transfer of the distribution licences and rate orders for each of the applicants and Hydro One Brampton to LDC Co. under section 18 of the Act.

An oral hearing was convened in the OEB's hearing room on September 7, 9, 15 and 16, 2016.

During the hearing on September 16, 2016, the Panel asked a number of questions regarding the LDC Co. electricity distributor licence application to be filed by the applicants. In response to direction from the Panel, the applicants amended the relief sought in their application requesting the following:

"Together with this application, is an application for an Electricity Distributor Licence that would allow LDC Co to own and operate the distribution systems serving the former Enersource, Horizon Utilities, PowerStream and HOBNI service areas and become the licensed electricity distributor for approximately 960,000 customers."

The OEB considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Oral Hearing will resume at **9:30 a.m**. on **September 26, 2016** in the OEB hearing rooms at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto. The applicants are expected to present an overview of their proposed licence application, including setting out the conditions proposed for the licence. This is to be followed by an opportunity for intervenors, OEB Staff and the Panel to ask questions with respect to the presentation.
- 2. The applicants are to present a witness(es) to answer questions from the Panel on the proposed Earnings Sharing Mechanism.
- 3. Argument- in-Chief will follow the completion of the matters set out above.
- 4. OEB Staff and intervenors shall file their written submissions with the OEB and deliver them to the applicants by no later than **October 7, 2016**.
- 5. The applicants shall file any reply submission with the OEB and deliver it to the intervenors by no later than **October 14, 2016**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2016-0025, be made in searchable / unrestricted PDF format electronically 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

<u>http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</u>. 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, Judith Fernandes at <u>Judith.Fernandes@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u> and Maureen Helt at <u>Maureen.Helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, September 21, 2016

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