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**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF applications by Canadian Niagara Power Inc. – Eastern Ontario Power, Canadian Niagara Power Inc. – Fort Erie and Canadian Niagara Power Inc. – Port Colborne for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2009.

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 6

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. – Eastern Ontario Power (CNPI – EOP), Canadian Niagara Power Inc. – Fort Erie (CNPI – FE) and Canadian Niagara Power Inc. – Port Colborne (CNPI – PC) (collectively CNPI or the Applicant) filed applications with the Ontario Energy Board, received on August 18, 2008, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, (the Act), seeking approval for changes to the rates that CNPI – EOP, CNPI – FE and CNPI – PC charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2009. The Board has assigned the CNPI – EOP application File Number EB-2008-0222, the CNPI – FE application File Number EB-2008-0223 and the CNPI – PC application File Number EB-2008-0224.

The Board issued Notices of Application and Hearing for each of the applications, Procedural Order No. 1 on October 1, 2008, Procedural Order No. 2 on October 21, 2008, Procedural Order No. 3 on December 19, 2008, Procedural Order No. 4 on January 26, 2009 and Decision and Procedural Order No. 5 on March 4, 2009.

In its Decision and Procedural Order No. 5, the Board stated that following its decision on the Motion brought by the School Energy Coalition, the Board will determine the process to be followed for the review of the three rate applications. The Motion was heard and decided on Thursday March 12, 2009.

The Board has decided that the three applications be examined at the same time by means of an oral hearing. In order to expedite the hearing process, the Board expects the parties to develop a list of issues that would form the basis for the examination. In addition, the Board expects that the order of examination will proceed by topic from those issues common to all three applications, to be followed with matters affecting only a specific service area.

## THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The oral hearing in this proceeding will begin on Monday April 20, 2009 at the Board's offices at 2300 Yonge Street on the 25<sup>th</sup> Floor starting at 9:30 a.m. The Board will not sit on Wednesday April 22, 2009. If the hearing is not completed by Tuesday April 21, it will re-convene on Thursday April 23, 2009.

All filings to the Board must quote file numbers EB-2008-0222, EB-2008-0223 and EB-2008-0224, be made through the Board's web portal at <a href="www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca</a>, and also consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable/unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <a href="www.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.oeb.gov.on.ca</a>. If the web portal is not available you may email your document to <a href="mailto:BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca">BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca</a>. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD or diskette 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 and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 20, 2009

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

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