

EB-2006-0501

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for an Order or Orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the transmission of electricity commencing January 1, 2007.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 5

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One" or the "Company") filed an Application, dated September 12, 2006, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act"). The Board assigned file number EB-2006-0501 to the Application and issued a Notice of Application dated October 17, 2006. The evidentiary phase of the oral hearing was completed on June 13, 2007.

Procedural Order No. 1 was issued by the Board on November 30, 2006 outlining the schedule for the hearing which included a draft Issues List to be used for discussion at the Issues Conference.

Procedural Order No. 2 was issued on December 20, 2006 approving the Issues List for this proceeding and accepting a request to change the date for the filing of intervenor evidence. An amended timeline for the hearing was established to accommodate this change.

Procedural Order No. 3 was issued on March 2, 2006 advising that the evidentiary phase of the oral hearing would commence on April 23, 2007.

Procedural Order No. 4 was issued on March 12, 2007 establishing a procedure to address the request by Hydro One for a 2007 revenue deficiency deferral account.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following procedural matters. Please be aware that further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- The parties eligible for cost awards shall submit their cost claims to the Board by July 10, 2007. The cost claim must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on Hydro One. The cost claims must conform with section 10 of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.
- 2. Hydro One will have until **July 23, 2007** to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. A copy of the objection must be filed with the Board and one copy must be served on the party against whose claim the objection is being made.
- 3. The party whose cost claim was objected to will have until **August 1, 2007** to make a reply submission as to why its cost claim should be allowed. Again, a copy of the submission must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on Hydro One.

The Board will issue its decision on the cost awards with the EB-2006-0501 decision and, after the cost assessment officer determines the amount of the cost awards using the Board's decision, the Board will issue the cost orders. The Board's costs may also be dealt with in the cost awards decision.

When determining the amount of the cost awards, the Board will apply the principles set out in section 5 of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. The maximum hourly rates set out in the Board's Cost Award Tariff will also be applied. The Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards and the Board's Cost Award Tariff can be found on the Board's website at http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca/html/en/industryrelations/rulesguidesandforms_regulatory.htm#general.

All submissions in this hearing (i.e., cost claims, objections, or responses), will form part of the public record. Copies of the submissions will be available for inspection at the Board's office and the submissions may be published on the Board's website.

Parties must file six paper copies of their submissions, and an electronic copy of their submissions in searchable Adobe Acrobat (PDF), with the Board Secretary by **4:45 pm** on the required dates. Electronic copies may be submitted on diskette or by e-mail to boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca. The submissions must quote file number **EB-2006-0501** and include the party name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, and fax number. Parties must also include the Case Manager, Harold Thiessen harold.thiessen@oeb.gov.on.ca and Board Counsel,

Donna Campbell <u>donna.campbell@oeb.gov.on.ca</u> on all electronic correspondence related to this case.

DATED at Toronto, June 26, 2007.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Peter H. O'Dell Assistant Board Secretary