

RP-2005-0020

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** applications by electricity distribution companies for approval of distribution rates for 2006.

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 GENERIC ISSUES AND HISTORICAL TEST YEAR FILINGS

Pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Schedule B, electricity distribution companies have filed applications for the approval of distribution rates to be effective as of May 1, 2006.

On November 2, 2006 the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, which set out the initial processes for the Generic Hearing and for certain individual applications. The Board has issued Notices for these applications.

For additional clarity, the utilities listed in Appendix 1 of Procedural Order No. 1, including those applicants who have filed on the basis of a future test year, are deemed to be applicants in the Generic Hearing and to have the corresponding obligations. Procedural Order No. 1 was also sent to all other electricity distributors and all registered intervenors in the individual applications. All these parties are entitled to participate in the Generic Hearing.

Procedural Order No. 1 also set out the process to be followed with respect to the written and/or oral hearings on the individual historic test year applications.

The Board is now providing information regarding the process for certain additional individual applications, and amending the list of utilities deemed to be applicants in the Generic Hearing. Utilities added to the list of deemed applicants in the Generic Hearing are those for whom the Board is now satisfied that notice requirements have been met. In addition, the Board has been notified that Norfolk Power intends to submit a significantly revised application, and therefore the Board will revise the timelines applying to that proceeding at a later date.

#### THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

### With respect to the Generic Hearing:

- The following utilities listed in Appendix A to this order are also applicants in the Generic Hearing, in addition to those identified in Appendix 1 of Procedural Order No. 1:
  - a. Aurora Hydro Connections Limited
  - b. Brantford Power Inc.
  - c. Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.
  - d. PowerStream Inc.
- 2. The provisions of Procedural Order No. 1 apply without change to the utilities named above.

#### With respect to the Historical Test Year Applications

The applications of Aurora Hydro, Brantford Power, Hydro One Brampton, and PowerStream shall be dealt with by way of written hearing, with the exception of those issues that will be dealt with through a generic hearing.

- Board staff and intervenors shall file interrogatories with the Board, the specific applicant named above and registered intervenors on or before November 30, 2005. The list of registered Intervenors for each application will be posted on the Board's Web site.
- 2. The applicants named above shall file their response to any interrogatories with the Board and registered intervenors on or before December 14, 2005.
- Argument in respect to all issues other than the generic issues shall be filed with the Board by intervenors on or before January 17, 2006 and served on applicants.
- 4. Reply argument of the applicants named above shall be filed with the Board on or before January 27, 2006 and served on registered intervenors.
- 5. The provisions of Procedural Order No. 1 are revoked as they apply to Norfolk Power.

ISSUED at Toronto, November 10, 2005.

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

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# APPENDIX A TO PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 GENERIC ISSUES AND HISTORICAL TEST YEAR FILINGS NOVEMBER 10, 2005

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