



RP-2005-0020
EB-2005-0529

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. 4
GENERIC ISSUES PROCEEDING

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, 2005 the Ontario Energy Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 in this proceeding. That Order established a proceeding to deal with certain generic issues in the above noted rate applications and contained a draft list of issues.

On November 10, 2005 the Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 in this proceeding. That Order added four distributors to the list of applicants, removed Norfolk Power from the list and established that all electricity distributors (including Norfolk Power) were parties to this proceeding and were entitled to participate. It also provided that all registered intervenors in the individual applications were parties to this proceeding and entitled to participate.

On November 17, 2005 the Board issued Procedural Order No. 3 in this proceeding. That Order established the Generic Issues List and established the schedule for interrogatories, intervenor evidence and the hearing.

The Board invites all parties to the generic proceeding to present submissions on the generic issues.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. The Board will convene to hear submissions from parties to this proceeding commencing on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at the Board offices. In general, the Board would prefer to hear from Board staff, intervenors and distributors who are participants (not applicants) first, followed by responding submissions from distributors who were named as applicants in this generic proceeding. A written version of these submissions must be filed with the Board on or before 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 9, 2006.
2. Parties who prefer to file only written submissions must file their submissions with the Board on or before 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 9, 2006.
3. If a party has already filed submissions in this proceeding, the earlier material will be considered as its final submission if the party so requests no later than Monday, January 9, 2006.
4. The Board will post all written submissions on its Web site.

ISSUED at Toronto, December 21, 2005.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed by

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