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IN THE MATTER OF section 6.1.5 of the Ontario Energy Board's Transmission System Code;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for the review and approval of connection procedures;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Great Lakes Power Limited for the review and approval of connection procedures.

BEFORE: Paul Sommerville
Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER

The Proceeding

On August 18, 2006, Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed a document entitled "Transmission Connection Procedures" for review and approval by the Board under section 6.1.5 of the Transmission System Code (the "Code"). On August 21, 2006, Great Lakes Power Limited ("GLPL") filed a document entitled "Customer Connections Process" for review and approval by the Board under the same section of the Code. The documents filed by the transmitters embody their respective connection procedures. The two applications were considered together in a combined proceeding. The procedural history of the combined proceeding is described in detail in the Board's September 6, 2007 Decision and Order (the "Connection Procedures Decision") and will not be repeated here.

In its Connection Procedures Decision, the Board directed each of Hydro One and GLPL to revise their respective connection procedures and associated Connection and

Cost Recovery Agreement (“CCRA”) templates in accordance with the findings set out in the Connection Procedures Decision. The transmitters were also directed to file revised versions of their respective materials by October 12, 2007.

GLPL and Hydro One each filed revised connection procedures and CCRA templates on that date. However, Hydro One’s revised materials did not reflect the findings of the Board contained in two sections of the Connection Procedures Decision (sections 3.3 and 3.5), which were then the subject of a motion to review filed by Hydro One on October 9, 2007. On November 26, 2007, the Board issued its Decision and Order denying Hydro One’s motion. In that Decision and Order, the Board also directed Hydro One to revise those portions of its connection procedures and CCRA templates that are affected by sections 3.3 and 3.5 of the Connection Procedures Decision in accordance with the findings set out in the Connection Procedures Decision. The revised materials were filed by Hydro One on December 7, 2007, in advance of the December 10, 2007 deadline established by the Board for that purpose. Further to an inquiry by Board staff, Hydro One subsequently filed on January 11, 2008 a further revision to one section of the generator version of its CCRA template (section 26) that deals with dispute resolution.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the revised connection procedures and associated CCRA templates filed by each of Hydro One and GLPL, and is satisfied that they reflect and comply with the findings set out in the Connection Procedures Decision. The Board therefore approves the revised connection procedures, and reminds Hydro One and GLPL that their respective connection procedures, as approved, must now be posted on their respective websites as required by section 6.1.3 of the Code.

For the reasons set out in the Connection Procedures Decision, the Board does not consider it necessary at this time to require that the template CCRA be specifically approved by the Board. The Board does expect that each of Hydro One and GLPL will post their respective CCRA templates on their respective websites, and that they will notify the Board of any material changes to those templates as and when they are developed.

The Board also takes this opportunity to comment on one element of GLPL’s CCRA templates. Specifically, in the Connection Procedures Decision the Board encouraged

GLPL to review one section of its templates (section 20.1) regarding disputes relating to cost allocation, to ensure that there is no inconsistency with the dispute resolution provisions of its connection procedures or likelihood of confusion for connecting parties regarding the scope and reach of the section. In its letter of October 12, 2007, GLPL indicated that in its view there is no potential confusion or perceived inconsistency. The Board does not intend to further pursue this issue at this time, but may revisit the matter if it appears that the section of the template CCRA is being implemented in a manner that raises concerns about consistency with GLPL's connection procedures or is giving rise to confusion.

On December 24, 2007, the Board issued a Decision and Order granting a number of applications associated with GLPL's planned restructuring (proceeding EB-2007-0647/EB-2007-0649/EB-2007-0650/EB-2007-0651/EB-2007-0652). When the relevant transaction closes, two entities will be licensed as transmitters in relation to the transmission system that is currently owned and operated by GLPL. GLPL will remain licensed as the operator of the transmission system. The licensed owner of the transmission system will be Great Lakes Power Transmission Inc. on behalf of Great Lakes Power Transmission LP. The Board notes that, as a licensed transmitter, the new owner of the transmission system will also need to file connection procedures for review and approval by the Board as required by the Code.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. The document entitled "Customer Connection Process" filed by Great Lakes Power Limited on October 12, 2007, and containing its connection procedures, is approved.
2. The document entitled "Transmission Connection Procedures" filed by Hydro One Networks Inc. on October 12, 2007, as revised on December 7, 2007 and containing its connection procedures, is approved.

ISSUED at Toronto, February 12, 2008.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary