

EB-2007-0707

# NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE INTEGRATED POWER SYSTEM PLAN AND PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

The Ontario Power Authority (the "OPA") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board dated August 29, 2007 under the *Electricity Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sched. A (the "Act"). The applicant is seeking an order of the Board approving the Integrated Power System Plan (the "IPSP") and certain procurement processes. The Board has assigned file number EB-2007-0707 to this application.

The IPSP is a plan for the management of Ontario's electricity system. It identifies the electricity conservation, generation and transmission investments that the OPA proposes for the adequacy and reliability of electricity supply and demand management in Ontario. The procurement processes are designed to manage electricity supply, capacity and demand in accordance with the IPSP. The IPSP affects the supply of electricity to all Ontario consumers.

In developing the IPSP, the OPA was required to comply with the Act, the government's Supply Mix Directive and the Integrated Power System Plan Regulation. Under section 25.30(4) of the Act, the Board is required to review the IPSP to ensure that it complies with directions issued by the Minister of Energy and that it is economically prudent and cost effective. In addition, under section 25.31(4) of the Act, the Board is required to review the OPA's proposed procurement processes. The Supply Mix Directive, the IPSP Regulation, the Procurement Processes Regulation and relevant sections of the Act are posted on the Board's website under the IPSP link.

In addition to electricity conservation initiatives, the OPA has identified various electricity generation and transmission projects throughout the province that it is recommending be undertaken. These projects may affect your community. Maps and descriptions of the proposed projects are included in the IPSP.

# How to see the IPSP

Copies of the IPSP, the procurement processes application and the supporting pre-filed evidence will be available for public inspection:

- on the OPA's website <a href="https://www.powerauthority.on.ca">www.powerauthority.on.ca</a>
- on the Board's website www.oeb.gov.on.ca
- at the Board's office;
- at the OPA's head office; and
- at County, Regional and District Municipal offices throughout Ontario.

If you have trouble viewing the application or for information on where to obtain a copy of the IPSP, please call the OPA at 1-800-722-0679.

# A Two Phase Review

The Board intends to proceed with this review in two phases.

In phase 1, the Board will develop an issues list. This list will determine which issues will be addressed in the subsequent review of the application. Only those issues on the approved issues list will be considered during the review. The Board instructed the OPA to develop a proposed issues list for the review of the IPSP and the proposed procurement processes, structured by reference to the findings the Board has to make, according to the legislation and Ministerial directions. The Board is seeking your views on what issues should be considered by the Board in its review. The issues list proposed by the OPA is available at the same locations as the IPSP.

This notice is Notice for phase 1 of the proceeding. Phase 2 will be the review of the evidence filed by the OPA and any other parties. The phase 2 notice will be published later, at the start of phase 2, providing details on how to participate in that phase of the proceeding.

### **How to Participate**

You can participate in the development of the issues list in two ways:

#### 1. Give Comments to the Board

If you want to comment on what issues the Board should consider in reviewing the plan and procurement processes, your written comments must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication date of this notice. Your comments will be provided to the Board and will be part of the public record. A notice for phase 2 of the proceeding, giving you an opportunity to comment on the content of the IPSP and proposed procurement processes, will be published once the issues list has been set.

The Board accepts written comments by either post or e-mail at the addresses below. Forms for providing comments on the proposed issues list are available on the Board's website or by calling the Board's Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

#### 2. Become an Intervenor

You may ask to become an intervenor if you wish to actively participate in phase 1 by appearing before the Board to make formal submissions on the issues list. Intervenors have procedural rights and obligations as described in the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Please refer to the "How to Become an Intervenor" section of the IPSP page on the Board's website. The Board has strict rules and timelines for interventions and

filings. Your letter seeking intervention, compliant with the Board's rules and filing guidelines, must be received by the Board and copied to the OPA no later than **14 days** from the publication date of this notice.

For phase 1, intervenors are invited to make written submissions on the draft issues list proposed by the OPA. Submissions must be filed with the Board and copied to the OPA no later than **30 days** from the publication date of this notice. The Board will issue further procedural documents relating to the development of the issues list, and relating to phase 2, the review of the application and supporting evidence.

# **How to Contact Us**

In responding to this notice please include Board file number EB-2007-0707 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All written communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

# **Need More Information?**

Further information on the IPSP may be obtained from the OPA website <a href="www.powerauthority.on.ca">www.powerauthority.on.ca</a>. Further information on how to participate in the review may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at <a href="www.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.oeb.gov.on.ca</a> or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

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