Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'Énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2007-0707

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING 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 in order to achieve Ontario government goals related to reliable and sustainable electricity supply 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 Electricity 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 and procurement processes application and the supporting pre-filed evidence will be available for public inspection:

- on the OPA's website www.powerauthority.on.ca
- on the Board's website <u>www.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>
- at the Board's office;
- at the OPA's office; and
- at County, Regional and District Municipal offices throughout Ontario.

If you have trouble accessing the application, please call the OPA at 1-800-722-0679.

How to Participate

The Board has proceeded with this review in two phases. Phase 1 was the development of the issues list and the determination of the scope of the review. Phase 2 will be the review of the evidence filed by the OPA and any other parties. This notice tells you how to participate in phase 2 of the proceeding.

The Board has established the issues list and scope of the review. Before you decide to participate, you should read the Board's Issues Decision with Reasons, which includes the approved issues list, and is available at the same locations as the IPSP documentation. The Board will only address issues identified in the approved issues list in its review of the IPSP and procurement processes.

You can participate in the review of the IPSP and the procurement processes in one of three ways:

1. Give comments to the Board

If you wish to comment on the IPSP or the procurement processes, your written comments must be received by the Board no later than **90 days** from the publication date of this notice. Your comments will be provided to the Board and will be part of the public record. If you wish to make an oral presentation to the Board your written comments should include this request. The Board accepts written comments by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

2. Observe the proceeding

Observers do not actively participate in the proceeding but monitor the progress of the proceeding by receiving only documents issued by the Board. Before requesting observer status, please note that documents issued by the Board and filed by parties in this application will also be available on the Board's website. To request observer status, send a written request to the Board no later than **14 days** from the publication date of this notice. The Board accepts observer request letters by either post or e-mail at the addresses below; however, two paper copies are also required.

3. Become an Intervenor

You may ask to become an intervenor if you have not already intervened in phase 1 of this proceeding and wish to actively participate in the review of the IPSP and procurement processes by appearing before the Board to question witnesses and make formal submissions. Intervenors have procedural rights and obligations as described in the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Intervenors granted status in phase 1 of this proceeding are automatically registered for phase 2 of the proceeding, and do not have to reapply.

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 no later than **14 days** from the publication date of this notice.

The Board intends to proceed by way of oral hearing for the review of the IPSP and the procurement processes.

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 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 <u>www.powerauthority.on.ca</u>. Further information on how to participate in the review may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at <u>www.oeb.gov.on.ca</u> or by calling the Board's Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

Addresses

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DATED at Toronto, March 25, 2008 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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