

IN THE MATTER OF ss.57 and 70 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Sched. B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF a proposed Standard Supply Service Code for electricity distributors.

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (“the Board”), on its own motion, will hold a public hearing under section 19(4) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (“the Act”) to determine certain matters relating to the obligation of licensed electricity distributors to supply electricity to consumers in accordance with a Standard Supply Service Code.

The draft Standard Supply Service Code issued for consultation by Board Staff in January, 1999 is available on the Board’s website: www.oeb.gov.on.ca or from the Board Secretary at the address given below.

The Board will consider submissions from interested parties on the following issues related to the Standard Supply Service Code:

- the pricing mechanism for standard supply service;
- restrictions on energy procurement by distributors for standard supply service;
- marketing restrictions on retailers who provide standard supply service; and
- the billing mechanism for standard supply service.

Interested parties will be required to provide written submissions to the Board, and may also deliver oral submissions at a hearing before the Board on a date to be determined.

Technical Conference

Prior to the receipt of submissions, the Board will hold a technical conference commencing July 13, 1999. Parties may submit alternatives for consideration at this conference. To give parties an opportunity to fully understand and clarify proposals, intervenors will be allowed to present options and seek clarification prior to making their subsequent submissions to the Board. A transcript of the technical conference will be available to parties and the Board.

Parties submitting alternatives for consideration at the technical conference should ensure that the proposals will satisfy the legislative requirements. Proposals should also take into consideration the requirement of distributors to calculate consumers' bills using the hourly pricing data provided by the Independent Market Operator.

Parties must file their alternative proposals with the Board (15 copies) and with all parties by no later than July 5, 1999.

How To Intervene

If you wish to intervene (i.e. actively participate) in this proceeding, you must file a written notice of intervention by June 22, 1999. Your notice of intervention must be delivered or mailed to the Board Secretary at the address below.

The notice of intervention must state:

1. your name, address, and telephone and fax numbers;
2. your intention to appear and participate at the hearing;
3. the issues you intend to address during the proceeding; and
4. whether you intend to seek an award of costs.

If you wish to participate in the proceeding using the French language, your letter must state this. All intervenors granted party status by the Board will receive notice of the time and place of conferences and of the hearing.

Following the deadline for interventions, the Board Secretary will distribute a list of intervenors to all parties.

How to Observe

If you wish to monitor (i.e. not actively participate in) this proceeding, you must file a written notice requesting observer status by no later than June 22, 1999. Your notice requesting observer status must be delivered or mailed to the Board Secretary at the address below.

How to Comment

If you wish to comment on the issues in this proceeding without becoming an intervenor, you may write a letter of comment to the Board Secretary stating your views and any relevant information. All letters of comment will become part of the public record in the proceeding. Alternatively, you may write to the Board Secretary to state that you prefer to make your comments orally at the hearing, in which case you will be notified of the time and place of the hearing, and of your presentation. If you wish to comment in the French language at the hearing, your letter must state this.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A LETTER OF INTERVENTION OR A LETTER OF COMMENT OR INDICATE TO THE BOARD SECRETARY THAT YOU WISH TO COMMENT AT THE HEARING, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDING.

Procedural Orders

The Board may issue Procedural Orders and copies will be sent to all intervenors. A copy of the Board's Draft Rules of Practice and Procedure is available from the Board Secretary.

Ce document est disponible en français.

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DATED at Toronto June 14, 1999.

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