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RP-2003-0044

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IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O.1998, c.15 (Sched. B);

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AND IN THE MATTER OF applications by Centre Wellington Hydro, Veridian Connections Inc., EnWin Powerlines Ltd., Erie Thames Powerlines Corp., Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc., Essex Powerlines Corp., Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc. pursuant to subsection 74(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to amend Schedule 1 of their Transitional Distribution Licences.

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PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 6

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Applications have been filed with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") pursuant to subsection 74(1) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), by the following nine distributors for amendments to their licensed service area. These applicants and the Board's assigned file numbers are listed below:

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Centre Wellington Hydro	EB-1999-0269
Veridian Connections Inc. (1)	EB-1999-0260
Enwin Powerlines Ltd.	EB-1999-0281
Erie Thames Powerlines Corp.	EB-2002-0462
Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc.	EB-1999-0216
Essex Powerlines Corp.	EB-2002-0524
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	EB-2002-0482
Veridian Connections Inc. (2)	EB-2003-0020
Hydro One Networks Inc.	EB-2003-0031

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In accordance with the Board's Procedural Orders, intervenors were requested to file any evidence relevant to the proceeding by August 7, 2003. Intervenors were to reply to any interrogatories on their evidence by September 26, 2003.

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On September 26, Wirebury Connections Inc. ("Wirebury"), in responding to an interrogatory, included a report entitled "The Benefits of Competition in the Electrical Distribution Sector" by John D. Todd. On October 1, 2003, Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") wrote to the Board objecting to Wirebury's filing of the Report. Hydro One argued that the filing of the Report represents new evidence and should have been filed by August 7, 2003. Wirebury replied to this objection by letter dated October 2, 2003.

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Having reviewed both the correspondence and the content of the report, the Board is of the view that the information contained in the report will be useful to the Proceeding. The Board agrees with Hydro One that parties to the Proceeding should have the opportunity to submit interrogatories on this evidence. The report by Mr. Todd filed by Wirebury can be obtained from the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca, under Industry Relations.

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THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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1 Parties and Board staff who wish information from Wirebury regarding the report filed on September 26, 2003 that is relevant to the hearing shall request the information by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Wirebury by October 15, 2003. Wirebury shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the requester as soon as possible, but no later than October 22, 2003.
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2 All filings to the Board **must be in the form of two electronic copies, one in WordPerfect or Word format, and the other in pdf format for ease of posting on the Board's web site. The Board also requires 6 hard copies**, to be received by the Board by 4:45 p.m. on the stated dates.

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ISSUED at Toronto, October 7, 2003.

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD



Peter H. O'Dell
Assistant Secretary