



RP-2003-0044

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

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.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 7

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:

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

In accordance with the Board's Procedural Orders, parties to the proceeding have filed evidence and asked and answered a significant number of interrogatories. The Board now proposes to make provision for the oral portions of the proceeding.

Parties are invited to make final oral submissions to the Board on the principles that should guide the Board in determining service area amendment applications, commencing November 13, 2003. Parties should have regard to the Issues List established in Procedural Order No. 4 in crafting their submissions. Given the large number of parties to the proceeding, parties are requested to restrict their submissions to forty-five minutes in length (excluding questions from the Board). Parties will be expected to provide submissions in the order given in the List of Parties attached to this Order;

however, the speaking order can be changed on the consent of affected parties. Applicant parties may exercise a right of reply if it is necessary to deal with unexpected submissions from intervenors, but the Board requests that such reply submissions not exceed five minutes in length.

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In establishing the attached list, the Board has grouped parties in the same manner as the parties grouped themselves in asking interrogatories. Further, in an attempt to identify “active” parties on the issue of principles, the Board has not included in the list those parties who are neither applicants, nor have asked interrogatories, nor have yet participated in arguments on principles or jurisdiction. If other parties to the proceeding wish to make submissions on principles, they are invited to write to the Assistant Secretary immediately upon receipt of this Order to request inclusion in the list. Parties are reminded that if they wish to support or oppose a particular application in this proceeding, they will have an opportunity to do so during the Board’s consideration of the individual applications.

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Following the receipt of oral submissions regarding principles, the Board intends to commence oral hearings for the remaining individual applications before it. The dates for those hearings are set out below.

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THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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1 Commencing November 13, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board’s hearing room at 2300 Yonge St., 25th Floor, parties may make oral submissions to the Board on the principles that should guide the Board in determining service area amendment applications. Parties will generally be expected to provide submissions in the order given in the List of Parties attached to this Order as Appendix A.

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2 The hearing dates for the remaining applications for service area amendment in this proceeding are as follows:

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Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	November 19, 2003
Centre Wellington Hydro	November 20, 2003
Veridian Connections Inc.	November 21, 2003
Enwin Powerlines Ltd.	November 24, 2003
Erie Thames Powerlines Corp.	November 25, 2003
Essex Powerlines Corp.	November 26, 2003
Hydro One Networks Inc.	November 27, 2003

ISSUED at Toronto, October 27, 2003.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Peter H. O'Dell
Assistant Secretary

**APPENDIX A TO PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 7
LIST OF PARTIES**

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APPLICANTS

Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.
Veridian Connections Inc.
The South-Western Utilities (ENWIN Powerlines Ltd., Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation, Essex Powerlines Corporation)
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.
Hydro One Networks Inc.

INTERVENORS

Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc.
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited
Newmarket Hydro Ltd.
Power Workers' Union
Wirebury Connections Inc.
Hydro Connections Inc.
The LDC Coalition (Hamilton Hydro, Hydro Ottawa, Brantford Power, Hydro Vaughan, Markham Hydro, Enersource Hydro Mississauga)
FortisOntario Inc.
Great Lakes Power Limited
Westario Power Inc.
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition