



RP-2004-0188

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF the preparation of handbook for
electricity distribution rate applications.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

On July 6, 2004, the Board began the process of developing a 2006 electricity distributor rate handbook to be used by distributors to prepare their 2006 rate applications. The Board has assigned file number RP-2004-0188 to this process.

On November 1, 2, and 3, 2004, the Board held Issues Days to determine the scope of the process, and to decide what evidence should be heard by the Board as part of the process. The Board's decisions were given orally during the Issues Days. The transcripts of the Issues Day proceedings can be found on the Board's website www.oeb.gov.on.ca, under 2006 Elec. Distribution Rates, Issues Day.

The purpose of this Procedural Order is to make provision for a further stakeholder meeting, the filing of evidence, and the commencement of the oral phase of the process.

The Board intends to post on its website during the week of December 6, 2004, a draft of the rate handbook. Registered stakeholders will receive e-mail notification that the handbook has been posted.

This procedural order does not set dates for submissions or argument, but the Board plans to require the filing of written submissions shortly after the oral phase of the process. The Board recommends that all interested stakeholders who wish to make submissions to the Board on any issue relating to the handbook, prepare for the filing of written submissions on approximately February 11, 2005. Responding submissions would be filed approximately two weeks after the first round of written submissions.

Further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. A meeting of interested stakeholders will be held on December 15, 2004, and be continued on December 16, 2004 if necessary, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Road, Toronto. The purpose of this meeting is to review, and receive comments on, the draft handbook. Persons wishing to attend this meeting are asked to register in advance by contacting Antonette Franco at 416-440-7603 or by e-mail at **francoan@oeb.gov.on.ca** by December 8, 2004. Please provide your name, organization, address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail address.

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2. The evidence listed in Schedule A to this procedural order must be filed with the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. December 13, 2004. The evidence listed in Schedule B to this procedural order (conservation and demand management evidence) must be filed with the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 20, 2004. If the parties named in the Schedules no longer intend to file evidence, either because the issue has been resolved or for some other reason, such parties should inform the Board by letter, no later than the filing date, that the evidence will not be filed.

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3. Evidence that responds to evidence filed on December 13, 2004 must be filed no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 10, 2005. Evidence that responds to the evidence filed on December 20, 2004 must be filed no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 18, 2005.

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4. Parties filing evidence must provide eight hard copies and one electronic copy to the Board Secretary and one electronic copy to Keith Ritchie, Project Advisor by e-mail at **Keith.Ritchie@oeb.gov.on.ca**. All evidence filed will be posted on the Board's website **www.oeb.gov.on.ca**, under 2006 Elec. Distribution Rates. The Board's filing address is:

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5. The oral phase of the process will commence on January 17, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board's hearing room, 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, 25th Floor. During this phase, parties who have filed evidence will present their witnesses for examination. The examination of conservation and demand management witnesses will commence on January 27, 2005.

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ISSUED at Toronto November 25, 2004.
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1. Conservation and demand management: Board staff, Pollution Probe, Green Energy Coalition, R. White for ECMI (on loss factor incentives).

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