



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. 3

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 Procedural Order No. 2, the Board set out dates for the filing of evidence for the oral phase of the process. The Board has received several requests for an extension of the filing deadline for two topics: the disposition of tax savings on disallowed expenses, and comparators and cohorts. The Board has agreed to grant the requests for extension, recognizing the complexity of these topics and the efforts made by parties to co-ordination the presentation of evidence.

The Board has granted, and hereby confirms, a one-day delay in the filing of the evidence of the School Energy Coalition on the disposition of tax savings on disallowed expenses issue. An extension is granted for the filing of responding evidence on this issue. The Board also grants an extension for the filing of evidence responding to the evidence of Mr. Camfield on the comparators and cohorts issue.

There is no change to the date for commencement of the oral phase of the process, which begins Monday, January 17, 2005 at 9:30 a.m..

The Board reminds participants that the Board plans to require the filing of written submissions shortly after the oral phase of the process. Although no specific date has been set, the Board recommends that all interested stakeholders who wish to make submissions to the Board on any issue relating to the Handbook, be prepared to file 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:

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1. Evidence responding to the evidence filed by the School Energy Coalition on the issue of the disposition of tax savings on disallowed expenses may be filed no later than noon on Wednesday January 12, 2005.
2. Evidence responding to the evidence filed by Board staff on the issue of comparators and cohorts may be filed no later than 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday January 12, 2005.
3. 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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