

EB-2007-0698

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Brantford Power Inc for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity for the 2008 rate year;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** the review conducted by Regulatory Audit as required by the Board's July 18, 2008 Decision.

**BEFORE:** Paul Vlahos

**Presiding Member** 

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

Brantford Power Inc. ("Brantford") filed a rebasing application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on December 20, 2007 for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the 2008 distribution of electricity and other charges. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2007-0698 and issued its decision on July 18, 2008.

In its July 18, 2008 decision, the Board expressed concerns over the quality of certain information filed by Brantford. Specifically, the Decision stated the following:

"The Board accepts the proposed balance in account 1571 on an interim basis. However, the Board is concerned with the information provided on the record to support the requested disposition of this variance account and other regulatory accounts. Due to this concern, the Board will approve proposed clearance of account 1571. By this Decision, the Board informs the Board's

Chief Regulatory Auditor ("CRA") of this situation and suggests that an audit review may assist the Board in determining how best to finalize the amounts in this account and other impacted accounts. When the CRA has concluded a review of these accounts, and depending upon the CRA's conclusions, the Board will determine whether it is necessary to order a different final disposition."

The Board issued the Rate Order on August 29, 2008 and stated the following:

"The Board noted that disposition of deferral account balances would be over an 8-month period from September 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009. The Board ordered Brantford to file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings."

"The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Order supersedes all previous distribution rate schedules approved by the Ontario Energy Board for Brantford Power Inc. and is final in all respects, except for the Standby Power rates which are approved on an interim basis. "

The Board has been advised by Regulatory Audit group that it has completed its review and concluded that there is no reason to believe that the amounts in account 1571 were improperly recorded.

The Board, through this Order, hereby declares that its interim approval of the account 1571 disposition is now final.

**DATED** at Toronto, August 05, 2009

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary