

EB-2010-0090

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2011.

**BEFORE:** Karen Taylor

**Presiding Member** 

Paula Conboy Member

### PARTIAL DECISION AND ORDER

### Introduction

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. ("Hydro Hawkesbury"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 12, 2010 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro Hawkesbury charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011.

Hydro Hawkesbury is one of 80 electricity distributors in Ontario regulated by the Board. In 2008, the Board announced the establishment of a new multi-year electricity distribution rate-setting plan, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Rate Mechanism ("IRM") process, which would be used to adjust electricity distribution rates starting in 2009 for those distributors whose 2008 rates were rebased through a cost of service review. As part of the plan, Hydro Hawkesbury is one of the electricity distributors that will have its rates adjusted for 2011 on the basis of the IRM process, which provides for a

mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates and charges between cost of service applications.

To streamline the process for the approval of distribution rates and charges for distributors, the Board issued its *Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on July 14, 2008, its *Supplemental Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on September 17, 2008, and its *Addendum to the Supplemental Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on January 28, 2009 (together the "Reports"). Among other things, the Reports contained the relevant guidelines for 2011 rate adjustments for distributors applying for distribution rate adjustments pursuant to the IRM process. On July 9, 2010 the Board issued an update to Chapter 3 of the Board's *Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications* (the "Filing Requirements"), which outlines the Filing Requirements for IRM applications based on the policies in the Reports.

Notice of Hydro Hawkesbury's rate application was given through newspaper publication in Hydro Hawkesbury's service area advising interested parties where the rate application could be viewed and advising how they could intervene in the proceeding or comment on the application. No letters of comment were received and there were no requests for intervention. Board staff participated in the proceeding. The Board proceeded by way of a written hearing.

While the Board has considered the entire record in this proceeding, it has made reference only to such evidence as is necessary to provide context to its findings. The following issues are addressed in this Partial Decision and Order:

- Price Cap Index Adjustment;
- Changes in the Federal and Provincial Income Tax Rates;
- Smart Meter Funding Adder;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates; and
- Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs.

With respect to the review and disposition of Group 1 Account balances, the Board has determined that it will require Hydro Hawkesbury to issue a new Notice. A further discussion of this finding and Notice requirement is included below. Therefore, the Board defers its findings on this issue at this time.

## **Price Cap Index Adjustment**

Hydro Hawkesbury's rate application was filed on the basis of the Filing Requirements. In fixing new distribution rates and charges for Hydro Hawkesbury, the Board has applied the policies described in the Filing Requirements and the Reports.

As outlined in the Reports, distribution rates under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation IRM are to be adjusted by a price escalator less a productivity factor (X-factor) of 0.72% and Hydro Hawkesbury's utility specific stretch factor of 0.2%. Based on the final 2010 data published by Statistics Canada, the Board has established the price escalator to be 1.3%. The resulting price cap index adjustment is therefore 0.38%. The rate model reflects this price cap index adjustment. The price cap index adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes.

The price cap index adjustment will not apply to the following components of delivery rates:

- Rate Riders;
- Rate Adders;
- Low Voltage Service Charges;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates:
- Wholesale Market Service Rate:
- Rural Rate Protection Charge;
- Standard Supply service Administrative Charge;
- Transformation and Primary Metering Allowances;
- Loss Factors:
- Specific Service Charges;
- MicroFIT Service Charges; and
- Retail Service Charges.

## **Changes in the Federal and Provincial Income Tax Rates**

In its Supplemental Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors dated September 17, 2008, the Board determined that a 50/50 sharing of the impact of currently known legislated changes, as applied to the tax level reflected in the Board-approved base rates for a distributor, is appropriate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation IRM applications. This was based on a decision of the Board in a

proceeding in relation to natural gas distributors' (EB-2007-0606/615) incentive regulation applications in which tax as a Z-factor was being considered. In this decision, the Board found that a 50/50 sharing is appropriate because it recognizes that tax changes already flow to some extent through the inflation factor, though the precise timing and quantum of the tax reduction during a current IRM period is not known.

The calculated annual tax reduction over the plan term will be allocated to customer rate classes on the basis of the Board-approved base-year distribution revenue. These amounts will be refunded to customers each year of the plan term, over a 12-month period, through a volumetric rate rider derived using annualized consumption by customer class underlying the Board-approved base rates.

In 2011, the maximum income tax rate is 28.25%, the minimum rate for those distributors eligible for both the federal and Ontario small business deduction is 15.50%, and the blended tax rate varies for certain distributors that are only eligible for the Ontario small business deduction. The model provided to distributors calculates the amount of change caused by the tax rate reductions and adjusts distribution rates by 50% of the total change from those taxes included in the most recent cost of service base distribution rates.

The Board finds that a 50/50 sharing of changes from the tax level reflected in the Board-approved base rates to the currently known legislated tax level for 2011 is appropriate. Using the Boards rate model, Hydro Hawkesbury's tax sharing amount is a refund of \$687. The Board notes that this amount is not material and orders Hydro Hawkesbury to record the tax sharing refund amount of \$687 in variance account 1595 by June 30, 2011.

### **Smart Meter Funding Adder**

On October 22, 2008 the Board issued the *Guideline for Smart Meter Funding and Cost Recovery* which sets out the Board's filing requirements in relation to the funding and recovery of costs associated with smart meter activities conducted by electricity distributors.

Hydro Hawkesbury requested the continuation of its existing smart meter funding adder ("SMFA") of \$1.45 per metered customer per month. Since the deployment of smart meters on a province-wide basis is now nearing completion, the Board expects

distributors to file for a final prudence review at the earliest possible opportunity following the availability of audited costs. For those distributors that are scheduled to file a cost-of-service application for 2012 distribution rates, the Board expects that they will apply for the disposition of smart meter costs and subsequent inclusion in rate base. For those distributors that are scheduled to remain on IRM, the Board expects these distributors to file an application with the Board seeking final approval for smart meter related costs. In the interim, the Board will approve the continuation of Hydro Hawkesbury's SMFA of \$1.45 per metered customer per month from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012. This SMFA adder will be reflected in the Tariff of Rates and Charges, and will cease on April 30, 2012. Hydro Hawkesbury's variance accounts for smart meter program implementation costs, previously authorized by the Board, shall be continued.

The Board has not made any finding on the prudence of the proposed smart meter activities, including any costs for smart meters or advanced metering infrastructure whose functionality exceeds the minimum functionality adopted in O. Reg. 425/06, or costs associated with functions for which the Smart Metering Entity has the exclusive authority to carry out pursuant to O. Reg. 393/07. Such costs will be considered at the time that Hydro Hawkesbury applies for the recovery of these costs on a final basis, if applicable.

### **Retail Transmission Service Rates**

Electricity distributors are charged the Ontario Uniform Transmission Rates ("UTRs") at the wholesale level and subsequently pass these charges on to their distribution customers through the Retail Transmission Service Rates ("RTSRs"). Variance accounts are used to capture timing differences and differences in the rate that a distributor pays for wholesale transmission service compared to the retail rate that the distributor is authorized to charge when billing its customers (i.e., variance accounts 1584 and 1586).

On July 8, 2010 the Board issued revision 2.0 of the *Guideline G-2008-0001 - Electricity Distribution Retail Transmission Service Rates* (the "RTSR Guideline"). The RTSR Guideline outlines the information that the Board requires electricity distributors to file to adjust their RTSRs for 2011. The RTSR Guideline requires electricity distributors to adjust their RTSRs based on a comparison of historical transmission costs adjusted for the new UTR levels and the revenues generated under existing RTSRs. The objective

of resetting the rates is to minimize the prospective balances in accounts 1584 and 1586. In order to assist electricity distributors in the calculation of the distributors' specific RTSRs, Board staff provided a filing module. On January 18, 2011the Board issued its Rate Order for Hydro One Transmission (EB-2010-0002) which adjusted the UTRs effective January 1, 2011. The new UTRs are shown in the following table:

Table 1 - Uniform Transmission Rates	kW Monthly Rates		Change
	Jan 1, 2010	Jan 1, 2011	
Network Service Rate	\$2.97	\$3.22	+8.4%
Connection Service Rates			
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.73	\$0.79	
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$1.71	\$1.77	
			+4.9%

The Board has adjusted each distributor's rate application model to incorporate these changes.

Based on the filing module provided by Board staff and the new UTRs effective January 1, 2011 noted in the table above, the Board approves the changes to the RTSRs calculated in the filing module.

## **Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs**

In this application, Hydro Hawkesbury requested the recovery of a one time expense of \$26,421 related to the late payment penalty ("LPP") costs and damages resulting from a court settlement that addressed litigation against many of the former municipal electricity utilities in Ontario.

On October 29, 2010 the Board commenced a generic proceeding on its own motion to determine whether Affected Electricity Distributors<sup>1</sup>, including Hydro Hawkesbury, should be allowed to recover from their ratepayers the costs and damages incurred as a result of the Minutes of Settlement approved on April 21, 2010 by the Honourable Mr. Justice Cumming of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Court File No. 94-CQ-r0878) and as amended by addenda dated July 7, 2010 and July 8, 2010 in the late payment penalty class action and if so, the form and timing of such recovery. This proceeding was assigned file No. EB-2010-0295.

On February 22, 2011, the Board issued its Decision and Order and determined that it is appropriate for the Affected Electricity Distributors to be eligible to recover the costs and damages associated with the LPP class action in rates. The decision set out a listing of each Affected Electricity Distributor and their share of the class action costs that is approved for recovery. The Board also directed Affected Electricity Distributors such as Hydro Hawkesbury to file with the Board detailed calculations including supporting documentation, outlining the derivation of the rate riders based on the methodology outlined in the EB-2010-0295 Decision and Order. The Board noted that the rate riders submitted would be verified in each Affected Electricity Distributor's IRM or cost of service application, as applicable. Hydro Hawkesbury elected to recover the amount approved in the EB-2010-0295 proceeding and accordingly filed the associated rate riders.

The Board has reviewed the proposed rate riders and notes that Hydro Hawkesbury allocated the approved LPP amount on the basis of 2010 forecasted distribution revenues because of the loss of a Large User customer. Hydro Hawkesbury also indicated that the 2010 forecast distribution revenues are more closely aligned with actual distribution revenues. The Board will approve the LPP rate riders as filed.

## **Review and Disposition of Group 1 Account Balances**

Following Hydro Hawkesbury's reply submission, the Board understands that there is an issue with respect to the amounts that were approved for disposition in Account 1588 – RSVA – Power (including the global adjustment sub-account) in Hydro Hawkesbury 2010 cost of service application (EB-2009-0186).

In Hydro Hawkesbury's 2010 cost of service proceeding (EB-2009-0186), the Board approved the disposition of a credit balance in Account 1588 (excluding the global adjustment sub-account) of \$144,324 and a credit balance in the global adjustment sub-account of \$252,664. The total amount approved for disposition for account 1588 was a credit balance of \$396,988. In its reply submission, Hydro Hawkesbury indicates that the balances that should have been disposed in 2010 are as follows:

- Account 1588 (excluding global adjustment sub-account) debit balance of \$252,664;
- Account 1588 (global adjustment sub-account) credit balance of \$649,652.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As defined in the Board's Decision and Order EB-2010-0295

While the total amount for account 1588 is the same (i.e. a credit balance of \$396,988), the apportionment between account 1588 (excluding the global adjustment subaccount) and the account 1588 (global adjustment sub-account) was incorrect. This appears to have been the result of some confusion in the interrogatory process in the EB-2009-0186 proceeding.

Since these account balances are disposed of to different groups of customers (i.e. all customers versus non-RPP customers), the Board is concerned about the allocation of balances amongst these customer groups in the context of the proceeding presently before the Board. As a result, in order to ensure that the potential disposition of these accounts in this proceeding is appropriate and does not perpetuate the error and create allocation issues between customer groups arising from this application, the Board intends to correct the error. The Board has determined that in order to ensure that ratepayers that may be potentially impacted by the correction are aware of, and can speak to the correction of the error; a supplementary proceeding is required on this issue.

As part of the supplementary proceeding the Board will first require Hydro Hawkesbury to confirm, by way of the filing of additional evidence, that an error has occurred and to quantify the quantum of the error. The Board will then provide an opportunity for parties to examine that evidence and make submissions with respect to how and over what period of time the correction should take place.

The Board has determined that a new notice is necessary because the initial notice did not contemplate this specific issue and because parties should be permitted to have input over the mechanics for the correction of the error. The Board will therefore order Hydro Hawkesbury to comply with the Letter of Direction attached to this Partial Decision and Order at Appendix B which sets out the requirements to provide Notice on this issue. The Notices of Hearing (in English and French) are attached respectively as Appendix C and D to this Partial Decision and Order. Interested parties will have the opportunity to either file a Letter of Comment on this issue or request intervenor status (if such status has not already been granted) and participate in the interrogatory and submission processes.

Once parties have had the opportunity to participate in the supplementary proceeding on this issue, the Board will issue a further Partial Decision and Order which addresses this issue on a standalone basis.

### Rate Model

With this Decision, the Board is providing Hydro Hawkesbury with a rate model (spreadsheet) and applicable supporting models and a draft Tariff of Rates and Charges (Appendix A) that reflect the elements of this Decision. The Board also reviewed the entries in the rate model to ensure that they were in accordance with the 2010 Board approved Tariff of Rates and Charges and the rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

### THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Hydro Hawkesbury's new distribution rates shall be effective May 1, 2011.
- 2. Hydro Hawkesbury shall review the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A. Hydro Hawkesbury shall file with the Board a written confirmation assessing the completeness and accuracy of the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges, or provide a detailed explanation of any inaccuracies or missing information, within seven (7) calendar days of the date of this Partial Decision and Order.
- 3. If the Board does not receive a submission from Hydro Hawkesbury to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 2 of this Partial Decision and Order, the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this order will become final effective May 1, 2011, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2011. Hydro Hawkesbury shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.
- 4. If the Board receives a submission from Hydro Hawkesbury to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 2 of this Partial Decision and Order, the Board will consider the submission of Hydro Hawkesbury and will issue a final Tariff of Rates and Charges.
- 5. Hydro Hawkesbury shall issue the Notice regarding the Group 1 Account balances as directed in the Letter of Direction attached as Appendix B to this Partial Decision and Order. The English Notice is attached as Appendix C and the French Notice is attached as Appendix D.

All filings to the Board must quote file number **EB-2010-0090**, be made through the Board's web portal at, <a href="www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca">www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca</a> and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <a href="www.ontarioenergyboard.ca">www.ontarioenergyboard.ca</a>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their document to <a href="www.boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca">www.boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca</a>. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

DATED at Toronto, April 29, 2011

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

## Appendix A

To Partial Decision and Order

**Draft Tariff of Rates and Charges** 

**Board File No: EB-2010-0090** 

**DATED: April 29, 2011** 

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This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates. Charges and Loss Factors

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## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to customers residing in residential dwelling units. Energy is generally supplied as single phase, 3-wire, 60-Hertz, having nominal voltage of 120/240 Volts and up to 400 amps. There shall be only one delivery point to a dwelling. The Basic Connection for Residential consumers is defined as 100 amp 120/240 volt overhead service. A Residential building is supplied at one service voltage per land parcel. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, which may be applicable to the administration of this schedule.

No rates and charges for the distribution of electricity and charges to meet the costs of any work or service done or furnished for the purpose of the distribution of electricity shall be made except as permitted by this schedule, unless required by the Distributor's Licence or a Code or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, or as specified herein.

Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable.

It should be noted that this schedule does not list any charges, assessments or credits that are required by law to be invoiced by a distributor and that are not subject to Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, charges for Ministry of Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Program, the Global Adjustment, the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit and the HST.

### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge	\$	5.89
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	1.45
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.15
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0079
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0034)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0063
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0033

#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component**

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW, and Town Houses and Condominiums that require centralized bulk metering. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service

#### **APPLICATION**

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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012 Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012 Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$ \$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	13.60 1.45 0.48 0.0054 0.0004 (0.0049) 0.0057 0.0029
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## **GENERAL SERVICE 50 to 4,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Note that for the application of the Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate the following sub-classifications apply:

General Service 50 to 500 kW non-interval metered

General Service 50 to 500 kW interval metered

General Service greater than 500 to 5, 000 kW interval metered.

Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge	\$	95.66
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	1.45
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	14.30
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.5288
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1369
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(2.2347)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3155
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1752

### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component**

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The level of the consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of the unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component**

Service Charge (per customer) Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012 Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$ \$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	6.28 0.75 0.0021 0.0004 (0.0052) 0.0057 0.0029
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to privately owned roadway lighting controlled by photo cells. Consumption is based on calculated connected load times the required lighting hours. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.60
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.02
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.1724
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.2162
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.6044)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7470
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8550

### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component**

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to municipal lighting, Ministry of Transportation operation controlled by photo cells. Consumption is as per OEB street lighting load shape. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

Wholesale Market Service Rate

Rural Rate Protection Charge

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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge (per connection) Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012 Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW	0.61 0.01 6.6567 0.1059 (1.7655) 1.7464 0.9085
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		

Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2011

This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates. Charges and Loss Factors

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## microFIT GENERATOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an electricity generation facility contracted under the Ontario Power Authority's microFIT program and connected to the distributor's distribution system. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, which may be applicable to the administration of this schedule.

No rates and charges for the distribution of electricity and charges to meet the costs of any work or service done or furnished for the purpose of the distribution of electricity shall be made except as permitted by this schedule, unless required by the Distributor's Licence or a Code or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, or as specified herein.

Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable.

It should be noted that this schedule does not list any charges, assessments or credits that are required by law to be invoiced by a distributor and that are not subject to Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, charges for Ministry of Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Program, the Global Adjustment, the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit and the HST.

### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge \$ 5.25

## Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2011

This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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### **ALLOWANCES**

Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.60)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

## SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

### **APPLICATION**

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Customer Administration		
Arrears Certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of Account	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing		15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$ \$ \$	20.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
Non-Payment of Account		
Late Payment - per month	%	1.50
Late Payment - per annum	%	19.56
Collection of account charge – no disconnection	\$	15.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – during regular hours	\$	30.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – after regular hours	\$ \$	130.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole - during regular hours	\$	100.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – after regular hours	\$	300.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	30.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	130.00
Service call – after regular hours	\$	130.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – with transformer	\$	1,000.00
Specific charge for access to the power pole – per pole/year	\$	22.35

Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2011

This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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## **RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)**

#### **APPLICATION**

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Retail Service Charges refer to services provided by a distributor to retailers or customers related to the supply of competitive electricity

One-time charge, per retailer, to establish the service agreement between the distributor and the retailer	\$	100.00
Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer	\$	20.00
Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.50
Distributor-consolidated billing charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.30
Retailer-consolidated billing credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.30)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.25
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.50
Request for customer information as outlined in Section 10.6.3 and Chapter 11 of the Retail		
Settlement Code directly to retailers and customers, if not delivered electronically through the		
Electronic Business Transaction (EBT) system, applied to the requesting party		
Up to twice a year		no charge
More than twice a year, per request (plus incremental delivery costs)	\$	2.00

### LOSS FACTORS

If the distributor is not capable of prorating changed loss factors jointly with distribution rates, the revised loss factors will be implemented upon the first subsequent billing for each billing cycle.

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0446
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0342

## Appendix B

# To Partial Decision and Order Letter of Direction

**Board File No: EB-2010-0090** 

**DATED: April 29, 2011** 

Ontario Energy Board

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BY E-MAIL

April 29, 2011

Linda Parisien Assistant Manager / CFO Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. 850 Tupper Street Hawkesbury ON K6A 3S7

## **LETTER OF DIRECTION**

Dear Ms. Parisien:

Re: Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.

Application for 2011 Distribution Rates

**Board File Number EB-2010-0090** 

Supplementary Proceeding – Notice Re: Disposition of Group 1 Accounts

The Ontario Energy Board has now issued its Notice of Application and Hearing (the "Notice") relating to the issue of Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts which arose in Hydro Hawkesbury's 2011 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation Distribution Rates Application and as part of the Board's Partial Decision and Order on that Application, issued on April 29, 2011.

Please note that you must publish the Notice within fourteen days of the date of this letter. If publication is impossible within fourteen days, you must inform the Board Secretary immediately.

### You are directed:

- To arrange immediately for the enclosed English version of the Notice, headed with the Ontario government logo and the words "Ontario Energy Board", to be published in one issue of the English language newspaper having the highest paid circulation, according to the best information available, in Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.'s service area;
- 2. To arrange immediately for the enclosed French version of the Notice headed with the Ontario Government logo and the words "Commission de l'énergie de

l'Ontario", to be published in one issue of the French language newspaper having the highest paid circulation, according to the best information available, in Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.'s service area;

Please note that invoices regarding publication are not to be sent to the Board.

- 3. To immediately, and no later than the date of publication of the Notice, serve a copy of the Notice directly on all intervenors of record in the previous cost of service rate application proceeding EB-2009-0186;
- 4. If Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. is a Host Distributor, to immediately, and no later than the date of publication of the Notice, serve a copy of the Notice directly on its Embedded Distributor(s);
- To file with the Board an affidavit proving publication and service of the Notice immediately thereafter;
- 6. To make a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review at Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.'s office and on its website, if available: and.
- 7. To provide a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

You are further directed not to include any document(s) or material(s) when serving the Notice other than document(s) or material(s) expressly required by this Letter of Direction to be served.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

**Enclosures** 

## Appendix C

**To Partial Decision and Order** 

**Notice of Application and Hearing** 

**Board File No: EB-2010-0090** 

**DATED: April 29, 2011** 



EB-2010-0090

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. ("Hydro Hawkesbury") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 12, 2010 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro Hawkesbury charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011. The application was filed under the Board's guidelines for 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation, which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates between cost of service applications. The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2010-0090.

The Board issued a Partial Decision and Order on April 29, 2011 which dealt with all aspects of the Application with the exception of Disposition of Group 1 Account balances.

The Board noted that there are errors in the balances presented by Hydro Hawkesbury for Account 1588 – RSVA – Power (excluding the global adjustment sub-account) and the global adjustment sub-account.

Since these account balances are disposed of to different groups of customers (i.e. all customers versus non-RPP customers), the Board is concerned about the allocation of balances amongst these customer groups in the context of the proceeding presently before the Board. As a result, in order to ensure that the potential disposition of these accounts in this proceeding is appropriate and does not perpetuate the error and create allocation issues between customer groups arising from this application, the Board intends to correct the error. The Board has determined that in order to ensure that ratepayers that may be potentially impacted by the correction are aware of, and can speak to the correction of the error; a supplementary proceeding is required on this issue.

## How to see Hydro Hawkesbury's Application

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, <a href="www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry">www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</a>, and at Hydro Hawkesbury's office and may be on its website.

## **Written Hearing**

The Board intends to proceed with this matter by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant no later than **May 27, 2011**.

## **How to Participate**

You may participate in this proceeding in one of two ways:

### 1. Become an Intervenor

Intervenors participate actively in the proceeding (i.e., submit written questions, evidence, and arguments, and cross-examine witnesses at an oral hearing).

A request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received by the Board no later than 7 days after the Notice of Application has been published. A letter of intervention must include: (a) a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; and (b) if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may order costs in relation to the Group 1 Account issue. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs.

You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to Hydro Hawkesbury.

Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which means that all filings will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at <a href="https://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard">www.errr.ontarioenergyboard</a>. Additionally, two paper copies must be submitted to the address set out below.

If you do not have a user ID, visit the Board's website under e-Filing Services and complete a user ID/password request form. For instructions on how to submit documents and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at <a href="https://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry">www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</a>, e-Filing Services.

The Board also accepts interventions by e-mail, at the address below, and again, two additional paper copies are required. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

### Evidence

Hydro Hawkesbury shall file with the Board and all other parties no later than 14 days after the Notice of Application has been published, the following additional evidence (the "Additional Evidence"):

- A revised Deferral and Variance Account Workform which accurately reflects the Group 1 account balances as at December 31, 2009.
- A summary of the changes made from the original filing and an explanation for the revised balances.
- Any other information that it feels is relevant to the errors in the balances
  presented by Hydro Hawkesbury for Account 1588 RSVA Power (excluding
  the global adjustment sub-account) and the global adjustment sub-account.

## **Interrogatories and Submissions**

1. Board-approved intervenors or Board staff wishing information and material from Hydro Hawkesbury that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board on November 12, 2010 (the "Original Evidence") and the Additional Evidence and that is relevant to the issues for this hearing as enumerated above, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Hydro Hawkesbury no later than 14 days after Hydro Hawkesbury's Additional Evidence has been filed with the Board.

- 2. Hydro Hawkesbury shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to all intervenors no later than 21 days after the Hydro Hawkesbury's Additional Evidence has been filed with the Board.
- 3. Written submissions by an intervenor or Board staff must be filed with the Board, and copied to all other parties no later than 28 days after Hydro Hawkesbury's Additional Evidence has been filed with the Board.
- 4. If Hydro Hawkesbury wishes to respond to the submissions, its written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to all other parties no later than 35 days after Hydro Hawkesbury's Additional Evidence has been filed with the Board.

## 2. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board

If you wish to comment on the proceeding without becoming an intervenor, you may submit a letter of comment to the Board Secretary.

All letters of comment sent to the Board will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

Before placing the letter of comment on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the letter of comment (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the letter of comment will become part of the public record.

A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicant and the Hearing Panel.

Your letter of comment must be received by the Board no later than 14 days after the Hydro Hawkesbury's Additional Evidence has been filed with the Board. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

## **How to Contact Us**

In responding to this notice, please reference Board file number EB-2010-0090 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

## **Need More Information?**

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at <a href="https://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry">www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</a> or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

### **IMPORTANT**

IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING A LETTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

### Addresses

### The Board: The Applicant:

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 27<sup>th</sup> Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Board Secretary

Filings:

https://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca

E-mail: boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca

Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (Toll free)

Fax: 416-440-7656

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. 850 Tupper Street Hawkesbury ON K6A 3S7 Attention: Ms. Linda Parisien

E-mail: lindapar@hawk.igs.net

Tel: (613) 632-6689 Fax: (613) 632-8603

## DATED at Toronto, April 29, 2011

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

## Appendix D

## **To Partial Decision and Order**

**Notice of Application and Hearing (French)** 

**Board File No: EB-2010-0090** 

**DATED: April 29, 2011** 



EB-2010-0090

## Avis de requête et d'audience d'Hydro Hawkesbury inc.

Hawkesbury Hydro inc. (« Hawkesbury ») a présenté une requête datée du 12 novembre 2010 auprès de la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario (la « Commission ») aux termes de l'article 78 de la *Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario*, L.O., c. 15, Annexe B, en vue d'obtenir l'approbation de la modification des tarifs qu'Hawkesbury exige pour la distribution de l'électricité, lesquels entreront en vigueur le 1<sup>er</sup> mai 2010. La requête a été déposée aux termes des lignes directrices de la Commission sur la réglementation par incitatifs de troisième génération, lesquelles prévoient un rajustement mécanique des taux reposant sur des formules qui est appliqué entre les requêtes sur le coût de service. La Commission a assigné à cette requête le numéro EB-2010-0090.

La Commission a délivré une décision partielle et une ordonnance le 29 avril 2011, laquelle portait sur tous les aspects de la requête, à l'exception de la liquidation des soldes des comptes du groupe 1.

La Commission a relevé des erreurs dans les soldes présentés par Hydro Hawkesbury pour le compte 1588 – RSVA – Power (à l'exception du sous-compte de rajustement global) et pour le sous-compte de rajustement global proprement dit.

Dans le contexte de l'instance actuellement devant elle, la Commission se soucie de l'affectation des soldes parmi ces groupes de consommateurs, étant donné que les soldes de ces comptes sont liquidés au profit de différents groupes (c'est-à-dire tous les consommateurs, par rapport aux consommateurs qui ne relèvent pas de la GTR). Par conséquent, afin de s'assurer que la liquidation potentielle des comptes visés par la présente instance est appropriée, ne perpétue pas l'erreur et n'entraîne pas des problèmes d'affectation entre les groupes de consommateurs à la suite de la présente requête, la Commission entend corriger l'erreur en question. La Commission a

déterminé que, pour s'assurer que les abonnés qui peuvent être touchés par la correction sont informés et peuvent témoigner de la correction de l'erreur, une instance supplémentaire est requise concernant cette question.

## Comment consulter la requête d'Hawkesbury Hydro inc.

Des exemplaires de la requête sont disponibles pour consultation au bureau de la Commission à Toronto et dans son site Web, <a href="https://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry">www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</a>, ainsi qu'au bureau d'Hydro Hawkesbury et dans son site Web, le cas échéant.

### Audience écrite

La Commission entend procéder par voie d'audience écrite en l'espèce, à moins qu'une partie ne présente à la Commission des raisons qui justifient de ne pas tenir une telle audience. Si vous avez des objections à ce que la Commission tienne une audience écrite dans cette affaire, vous devez fournir des arguments écrits précisant en quoi une audience orale est nécessaire. Les objections à une audience écrite doivent parvenir à la Commission, et au requérant, au plus tard le **27 mai 2011**.

### **Comment participer**

Vous pouvez participer à la présente instance de l'une des deux façons suivantes :

### 1. Obtenez le statut d'intervenant

Les intervenants participent activement à l'instance (c.-à-d. qu'ils présentent des questions écrites, des preuves et des arguments et contre-interrogent les témoins lors d'une audience orale).

Vous devez présenter votre requête de statut d'intervenant dans une lettre d'intervention, laquelle doit parvenir à la Commission au plus tard 7 jours à compter de la date de publication de l'Avis de requête. Votre lettre d'intervention doit : a) décrire la manière dont vous êtes ou pourriez être touché par l'issue de cette instance et b) indiquer si vous représentez un groupe et, le cas échéant, décrire ce groupe et ses membres. La Commission peut ordonner le paiement de frais relativement à la question du compte du groupe 1. Vous devez indiquer dans votre lettre d'intervention si vous

entendez solliciter des frais auprès du requérant ainsi que les motifs établissant votre admissibilité aux frais.

Vous devez remettre un exemplaire de votre lettre d'intervention à Hydro Hawkesbury.

Tous les documents déposés par les intervenants à la Commission, notamment le nom de l'intervenant et ses coordonnées, seront versés au dossier public. Cela signifie qu'ils seront disponibles pour consultation au bureau de la Commission et dans son site Web. Si vous avez déjà un identificateur d'utilisateur, veuillez présenter votre demande d'intervention dans le portail Web de la Commission : <a href="https://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca">www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca</a>. De plus, deux exemplaires papier sont requis et doivent être envoyés aux adresses cidessous.

Si vous n'avez pas d'identificateur d'utilisateur, veuillez consulter la section Services de dépôt automatique dans le site Web de la Commission, et remplissez une demande de mot de passe. Pour obtenir des renseignements sur la manière de déposer des documents et la règle d'affectation des noms, veuillez consulter les directives RESS dans la section e-Filing Services (en anglais seulement) du site <a href="https://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry">www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</a>.

La Commission accepte les interventions par courriel, à l'adresse ci-dessous; dans ce cas, deux exemplaires sur papier sont exigés. Ceux qui n'ont pas d'accès à l'Internet doivent présenter leur demande d'intervention en format PDF sur un CD ou une disquette, ainsi que deux exemplaires sur papier.

### **Preuves**

Hydro Hawkesbury doit présenter à la Commission et à toutes les autres parties, au plus tard 14 après la publication de l'Avis de requête, les preuves supplémentaires suivantes (« Preuves supplémentaires ») :

- Un formulaire révisé du compte de report et d'écart (Deferral and Variance Account) qui présente précisément le solde du compte du groupe 1 au 31 décembre 2009.
- Un résumé des changements apportés depuis le dépôt original et une explication des soldes révisés.

 Tout autre renseignement qu'Hydro Hawkesbury croit pertinent relativement aux erreurs touchant les soldes que l'entreprise a présentés pour le compte 1588 – RSVA – Power (à l'exception du sous-compte de rajustement global) et pour le sous-compte de rajustement global proprement dit.

## Demandes de renseignements et observations

- 1. Les intervenants approuvés par la Commission ou les membres du personnel de la Commission qui désirent obtenir des renseignements ou des documents d'Hydro Hawkesbury en sus des documents déposés auprès de la Commission le 12 novembre 2010 (« Preuves initiales ») et des Preuves supplémentaires, et qui sont pertinents relativement aux questions examinées dans cette audience telles qu'énumérées plus haut, doivent présenter une demande de renseignements par écrit auprès de la Commission et en faire parvenir un exemplaire à Hydro Hawkesbury au plus tard 14 jours après que les Preuves supplémentaires d'Hydro Hawkesbury ont été déposées auprès de la Commission.
- 2. Hydro Hawkesbury doit déposer auprès de la Commission des réponses complètes aux demandes de renseignements et les faire parvenir à tous les intervenants au plus tard 21 jours après que les Preuves supplémentaires d'Hydro Hawkesbury ont été déposées auprès de la Commission.
- 3. Les observations écrites des intervenants ou des membres du personnel de la Commission doivent être déposées auprès de la Commission et être envoyées à toutes les autres parties au plus tard 28 jours après que les Preuves supplémentaires d'Hydro Hawkesbury ont été déposées auprès de la Commission.
- 4. Si Hydro Hawkesbury entend présenter une réponse aux observations, sa réponse écrite doit être déposée auprès de la Commission et envoyée à toutes les autres parties au plus tard 35 jours après que ses Preuves supplémentaires ont été déposées auprès de la Commission.

## 2. Faites parvenir une lettre de commentaires à la Commission

Si vous désirez commenter la requête sans devenir intervenant, vous pouvez écrire une lettre de commentaires au secrétaire de la Commission.

Toutes les lettres de commentaires envoyées à la Commission seront versées au dossier public. Cela signifie qu'elles seront disponibles pour consultation au bureau de la Commission et dans son site Web.

Avant de verser la lettre de commentaires au dossier public, la Commission supprimera toutes les coordonnées personnelles (c.-à-d. celles qui ne correspondent pas à une entreprise) de la lettre de commentaires (soit l'adresse, le numéro de télécopieur, le numéro de téléphone et l'adresse de courriel de cette personne). Toutefois, le nom de la personne et le contenu de la lettre de commentaires feront partie du dossier public.

Une copie intégrale de votre lettre de commentaires, incluant votre nom, vos coordonnées ainsi que le contenu de la lettre, sera remise au requérant et au comité d'audience.

Votre lettre de commentaires doit parvenir à la Commission au plus tard 14 jours après que les Preuves supplémentaires d'Hydro Hawkesbury ont été déposées auprès de la Commission. La Commission accepte les lettres de commentaires par courrier courant ou électronique, aux adresses ci-dessous.

## **Comment nous joindre**

Dans votre réponse au présent avis, veuillez indiquer le numéro de dossier EB-2010-0090 dans la ligne « objet » de votre courriel ou l'en-tête de votre lettre. Il est également important d'indiquer votre nom, votre adresse postale, votre numéro de téléphone et, le cas échéant, votre adresse électronique ainsi que votre numéro de télécopieur. Toutes les communications doivent être adressées au secrétaire de la Commission à l'adresse indiquée plus bas, et doivent être reçues au plus tard à 16 h 45 le jour exigé.

## Vous voulez de plus amples renseignements?

Vous pouvez obtenir davantage de renseignements sur la manière de participer en visitant le site Web de la Commission (www.ontarioenergyboard/OEB/Industry) ou en appelant notre Centre des relations avec les consommateurs au 1 877 632-2727.

### IMPORTANT

SI VOUS NE PRÉSENTEZ PAS D'OBJECTIONS S'OPPOSANT À UNE AUDIENCE ÉCRITE OU SI VOUS NE PARTICIPEZ PAS À L'AUDIENCE EN DÉPOSANT UNE LETTRE CONFORMÉMENT AUX TERMES DU PRÉSENT AVIS, LA COMMISSION PEUT PROCÉDER SANS VOTRE PARTICIPATION ET VOUS NE RECEVREZ AUCUN AUTRE AVIS CONCERNANT CETTE INSTANCE.

## <u>Adresses</u>

## Commission

## Requérant

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