



EB-2011-0414

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 Hydro One Networks Inc. for an order or orders approving a transmission revenue requirement and rates and other charges for the transmission of electricity;

AND IN THE MATTER OF a request by Hydro One Networks Inc. for an accounting order approving the establishment of a long term planning deferral account for its transmission business.

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

On December 2, 2011 Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") filed an accounting order application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") under section 78.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B). The application seeks an accounting order approving the establishment of a new deferral account for Hydro One's transmission business: The Transmission Long-Term Planning Deferral Account. The purpose of this account is to record expenses relating to long-term development costs for transmission projects that are not part of Hydro One's approved 2012 rates revenue requirement. The Board assigned File number EB-2011-0414 to this application.

The application indicates that the requested new deferral account will be used to record transmission planning and study costs associated with preliminary corridor routing considerations for new transmission infrastructure.

Hydro One claims that in order to ensure land availability in near-urban areas, long term investment planning is required. The costs recorded in the proposed account will be associated with land assessment work such as environmental studies and assessments, preliminary engineering studies, public and First Nations/Métis consultations, etc. Hydro One maintains that the outcome of this work will be helpful in making siting determinations for new transmission corridors and in setting aside the required land for planning purposes, thus ensuring its availability and affordability when the project proceeds.

The Board intends to proceed by way of written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is good reason for holding an oral hearing. Any party objecting to the Board holding a written hearing in this proceeding 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 within **10 days** of the issuance of this notice.

The Board grants intervenor status in this proceeding to all intervenors in Hydro One's previous transmission rates proceeding (EB-2010-0002) and intervenors in the transmission USGAAP proceeding (EB-2011-0268).

Please be aware that this procedural order may be amended, and further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Hydro One serve this application on all EB-2010-0002 and EB-2011-0268 intervenors.
2. Intervenors or Board staff wishing information and material from Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board and that is relevant to the proceeding, shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to Hydro One on or before Thursday, February 9, 2012.
3. Hydro One shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to all intervenors no later than Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

4. Written submissions by intervenors or Board staff must be filed with the Board and copied to all other parties, by Tuesday, March 6, 2012.
5. If Hydro One wishes to respond to the submissions, its written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to all other parties by Thursday, March 15, 2012.

All filings to the Board must quote file number **EB-2011-0414**, be made through the Board's web portal at, www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca 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 www.ontarioenergyboard.ca. If the web portal is not available parties may email their document to the address below. 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.

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.

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DATED at Toronto, January 26, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Board Secretary