



EB-2012-0343

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for an Extension to the Exemption to Sections 6.2.6 and 6.2.7 of the Distribution System Code

The Application

On August 3, 2012 Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") applied to the Ontario Energy Board ("the Board") for an extension to the exemption from the obligations under sections 6.2.6 and 6.2.7 of the Distribution System Code ("DSC") which the Board granted in its Decision and Order of October 11, 2011 under EB-2011-0118. The exemption expired on April 11, 2012. The sections of the DSC relate to the timelines required to connect micro-embedded generation facilities to Hydro One's distribution system.

Hydro One has also requested an immediate interim stay from the obligations in sections 6.2.6 and 6.2.7 of the DSC as of the date the application was filed and until the Board renders a final decision on the matter.

Section 6.2.6 requires a distributor to make an offer to connect, or provide reasons for refusing connection of, micro-embedded generation facilities within:

- 15 days if the applicant is located at an existing customer connection; or
- 60 days if the applicant is not located at an existing customer connection.

In either case, the distributor is not permitted to charge for the preparation of the offer to connect and must give the applicant at least 30 days to accept the offer to connect. The distributor is not permitted to revoke the offer to connect until the 30 day period has expired.

Section 6.2.7 requires the distributor to connect the applicant's micro-embedded generation facility to its distribution system within 5 days of an applicant informing the distributor that it has:

- received all necessary approvals;
- provided the distributor with a copy of the authorization to connect from the Electrical Safety Authority;
- entered into a Connection Agreement; and
- paid the distributor for the connection costs, including costs for any necessary new or modified metering.

Hydro One states it requires the extension to deal with an expected large volume of applications resulting from the re-launch of the Ontario Power Authority's microFIT Program and while Hydro One awaits the outcome of the Board's consultation on micro-embedded generation issues (EB-2012-0246). The requested term of the extension is from April 11, 2012 until a date which is six months after the Board issues a final Notice of Code Amendments or otherwise concludes its consultation on micro-embedded generation issues. The six month period is requested to allow Hydro One time to make any necessary changes to its systems and processes to accommodate the Board's decision and order in EB-2012-0246.

The Board has assigned file number EB-2012-0343 to this application. The application will be decided by an employee of the Board who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the Act. The Board notes that the Board's consultation on micro-embedded generation issues has made provisions for cost eligibility for the intervenors involved in that process. The Board is of the view that parties affected by the outcome of this proceeding will put forth their views in the larger consultation and address matters of costs in that proceeding. Therefore, the employee of the Board does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding this application.

How to see Hydro One's Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry , and at the offices of Hydro One and 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 within **by October 1, 2012**.

Interim Order

Hydro One has also asked the Board to immediately but temporarily relieve Hydro One of its obligations under sections 6.2.6 and 6.2.7 of the DSC from the date that Hydro One filed its application until the date the Board renders its decision on the exemption request. If you would like to make a submission on this request you must provide your written submission to the Board and copy Hydro One by **October 1, 2012**. Hydro One may file a response to any submissions made on its request for immediate relief with the Board no later than **October 5, 2012** and shall copy all parties that made submissions on this issue.

How to Participate in the Hearing

If you wish to participate in the written hearing, please file a written submission setting out your views on the merits of the application with the Board and deliver it to the applicant no later than **October 10, 2012**.

If the applicant wishes to respond to the submission(s), the written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to any party that made submissions no later than **October 17, 2012**.

All submissions must quote the relevant file number, and clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and email address. 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.

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

If the written submission is from a private citizen (i.e., not a lawyer representing a client, not a consultant representing a client or organization, not an individual in an organization that represents the interests of consumers or other groups, and not an

individual from a regulated entity), before placing the written submission on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the written submission (i.e., the address, telephone number, and email address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the written submission will become part of the public record.

As stated elsewhere in this notice, you must provide a complete copy of your written submission (including your name, contact information, and everything written in the submission) to the applicant.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this Notice, please reference Board file number EB-2012-0343 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 www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

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