



EB-2012-0422

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

Application by Wellington North Power Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc. for Service Area Licence Amendment

The Application

Wellington North Power Inc. (“WNP”) and Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) have filed a joint application with the Ontario Energy Board under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B, for an order of the Board amending the distribution service areas of WNP and Hydro One to reflect the transfer of three customers from Hydro One to WNP.

The Board has assigned file number EB-2012-0422 to the 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 employee of the Board does not intend to provide for an award of costs when deciding this application.

Section 6.5.4 of the Distribution System Code

Section 6.5.4 of the Distribution System Code (the “DSC”) deals with long term load transfer (“LTLT”) arrangements. A load transfer is a situation in which a customer is located in the licensed service area of one distributor (the “geographic distributor”) but is physically served electricity by another distributor (the “physical distributor”). Section 6.5.4 of the DSC requires geographic distributors to eliminate their LTLT arrangements before June 30, 2014. This can be accomplished by either negotiating the transfer of the customers to the physical distributor or by the geographic distributor extending its system to connect the customers.

Service Area Amendments

According to the application, the service area amendments are being sought in order to eliminate the LTLT arrangements between WNP and Hydro One through the transfer of the customers to the physical distributor. The applicants state that the service area amendment is the most cost efficient approach to eliminate this existing LTLT arrangement.

The customers proposed to be transferred to WNP are currently located within Hydro One's service area but physically supplied by WNP. Presently, the customers are considered Hydro One customers and charged Hydro One's rates. The proposed amendment, if granted, will result in the three customers becoming customers of WNP and being subject to WNP's distribution rates which are lower than Hydro One's distribution rates according to the application. The customer's properties are located along London Road in Mount Forest and the land is in the Township of Southgate in Grey County.

How to See WNP and 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 WNP and Hydro One and on their websites.

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 **10 days** of the publication or service date of this notice.

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 application with the Board and deliver it to the applicant no later than **14 days** after the date this notice was served.

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 **21 days** after the date this notice was served.

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-2012-0422 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.

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