



**EB-2009-0146**

**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 Renfrew Hydro Inc. pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Act, 1998*, for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2010.

**BEFORE:** Cynthia Chaplin  
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Marika Hare  
Member

### **DECISION AND ORDER ON INTERIM RATES**

Renfrew Hydro Inc. (“Renfrew”) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on May 28, 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 Renfrew charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2010. The Board assigned the application File No. EB-2009-0146.

In its application, Renfrew requested that its current distribution rates be declared interim commencing May 1, 2010.

The Board notes that Renfrew’s cost of service application was not filed by the April 30, 2010 deadline, as directed by the Board in its April 20, 2010, letter. The Board also notes that Renfrew requested in a letter dated April 21, 2010, an extension of its filing date to May 28, 2010. In view of Renfrew’s late filing, an issue in this proceeding will be the date upon which the new rates should become effective.

The Board has determined that Renfrew's current distribution rates shall be declared interim as of July 1, 2010. The Board will render its decision on the effective date of Renfrew's final rates in its final decision. By making rates interim as of July 1, 2010, the Board has the authority to make the final rates effective as of that date, but not the requirement to do so. The setting of interim rates should not be seen as predictive in any way of the ultimate implementation date of the final rate order.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Renfrew's current Tariff of Rates and Charges shall be made interim July 1, 2010.

**DATED** at Toronto, June 24, 2010

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary