



EB-2010-0226

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 Middlesex
Power Distribution Corporation – Dutton for an order
approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for
electricity distribution to be effective November 1, 2010.

PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 1

Middlesex Power Distribution Corporation – Dutton (“Dutton”), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on June 25, 2010 for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the distribution of electricity and other charges, to be effective November 1, 2010.

Notice of Dutton’s rate application was given through newspaper publication in Dutton’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. There were no intervention requests and no comments were received. Board staff participated in the proceeding. The Board proceeded by way of a written hearing

The Board allowed for one round of written interrogatories for Board staff to request information and material in addition to the evidence filed by Dutton with the Board by August 3, 2010. On August 9, 2010, Dutton provided responses to Board Staff interrogatories. The Board also allowed for written submissions by Board staff to be filed with the Board by August 16, 2010. No submissions were received from any party.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision to re-open the record to provide for a second round of interrogatories, which can be found in Appendix A.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Dutton shall file their responses to the written interrogatories found in Appendix A with the Board no later than **12:00 p.m. on October 15, 2010.**

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2010-0226, be made through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.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.oeb.gov.on.ca/OEB/Industry. If the web portal is not available, parties may email their documents 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. You may also send your submission by post or e-mail to the address below.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 12.00 p.m. on the required date.

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DATED at Toronto, October 13, 2010
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Appendix A
To
Procedural Order No. 1
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Second Round of Interrogatories

Regulatory Asset Balance

In its application, Dutton proposed to recover its 2004 Regulatory Asset balances over a 1.5 year period.

- a) In order to strike a balance between inter-generational inequities and mitigating rate impacts, would Dutton be amenable to extend the disposition period of the Regulatory Asset balance over a period longer than 1.5 years?
- b) If not, please provide the rationale and consequential effects on Dutton.
- c) If so, please provide the disposition period(s) that would be acceptable to Dutton.