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**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act*,  
1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** applications by various  
electricity distributors for an order or orders approving or  
fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to  
Smart Meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2012.

**BEFORE:** Ken Quesnelle  
Presiding Member

Marika Hare  
Member

**INTERIM RATE ORDER  
May 1, 2012**

**Introduction**

The Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") has received applications from a number of licensed distributors of electricity regarding the review and disposition of smart meter costs, filed between December 19, 2011 and April 3, 2012 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 each distributor charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012.

The distributors for which the Board has received an application seeking approval for the disposition and recovery of smart meter costs are listed below:

<b>Name of Distributor</b>	<b>Board File No.</b>	<b>Application Date</b>
Midland Power Utility Corporation	EB-2011-0434	December 19, 2011
Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Limited	EB-2011-0435	December 19, 2011
Peterborough Distribution Inc.	EB-2012-0008	January 10, 2012
Thunder Bay Hydro Electric Distribution Inc.	EB-2012-0015	January 13, 2012
COLLUS Power Corporation	EB-2012-0017	January 16, 2012
Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.	EB-2012-0036	January 30, 2012
Orangeville Hydro Electric Distribution Inc.	EB-2012-0039	January 31, 2012
Burlington Hydro Inc.	EB-2012-0081	February 28, 2012
PUC Distribution Inc.	EB-2012-0084	March 5, 2012
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	EB-2012-0094	March 16, 2012
London Hydro Inc.	EB-2012-0187	March 26, 2012
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	EB-2012-0193	April 3, 2012

In each listed application, the distributor is seeking Board approval for the disposition and recovery of costs related to smart meter deployment, offset by Smart Meter Funding Adder (“SMFA”) revenues collected from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2012. Each of the listed distributors has requested approval of proposed Smart Meter Disposition Riders (“SMDRs”) and Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement Rate Riders (“SMIRRs”) effective May 1, 2012.

The Board is considering each application through a proceeding conducted in accordance with the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), the *Statutory Powers and Procedures Act*, and with the Board’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure*. However, the Board notes that each of these applications is still before the Board and the Board will not be able to render its decision on each before the requested effective date of May 1, 2012.

For each of the above applications, the Board will make the distributor's rates that are effective May 1, 2012 interim pending the Board's decision. This determination is made without prejudice to the Board's decision on each distributor's application, and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the Board's final determination with regards to the effective date for each distributor's rates arising in its application.

The Board also notes that several of the distributors have proposed continuation of the SMFA until the Board renders its decision in the current applications. The SMFA is terminated on April 30, 2012 unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

#### **THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Midland Power Corporation's Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board is its Decision and Order EB-2011-0182 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective May 1, 2012.
2. Innisfil Hydro Distribution System Limited's Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board is its Decision and Order EB-2011-0176 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective May 1, 2012.
3. Peterborough Distribution Inc.'s Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board is its Decision and Order EB-2011-0194 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective May 1, 2012.
4. Thunder Bay Hydro Electric Distribution Inc.'s Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board is its Decision and Order EB-2011-0197 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective May 1, 2012.
5. COLLUS Power Corporation's Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board is its Decision and Order EB-2011-0161 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective May 1, 2012.
6. Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.'s Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board is its Decision and Order EB-2011-0186 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective May 1, 2012.

7. Orangeville Hydro Electric Distribution Inc.'s Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board is its Decision and Order EB-2011-0190 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective May 1, 2012.
8. Burlington Hydro Inc.'s Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board is its Decision and Order EB-2011-0155 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective May 1, 2012.
9. PUC Distribution Inc.'s Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board is its Decision and Order EB-2011-0101 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective May 1, 2012.
10. Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.'s Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board is its Decision and Order EB-2011-0164 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective May 1, 2012.
11. London Hydro Inc.'s Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board is its Decision and Order EB-2011-0181 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective May 1, 2012.
12. Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.'s Tariff of Rates and Charges as approved by the Board is its Decision and Order EB-2011-0189 and effective May 1, 2012 is declared interim effective May 1, 2012.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 1, 2012

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary