



EB-2012-0064

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 Toronto
Hydro-Electric System Limited for an order approving just
and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity
distribution to be effective June 1, 2012, May 1, 2013 and
May 1, 2014.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

Marika Hare
Member

**INTERIM RATE ORDER
May 30, 2012**

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited ("THESL") filed an application, dated May 10, 2012, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B, seeking approval for changes to the rates that THESL charges for electricity distribution, to be effective June 1, 2012, May 1, 2013 and May 1, 2014.

In this application, THESL requested that the Board issue an Order declaring its existing (as of May 31, 2012) distribution rates and specific service charges to be interim as of

June 1, 2012. THESL made this request on the basis that the schedule to address the application will not permit 2012 rates to be implemented or effective as of May 1, 2012.

The Board is prepared to make THESL's current approved rates interim as requested by THESL. This determination is made without prejudice to the Board's decision on THESL'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 THESL's rates arising from the application.

On December 21, 2011, the Board issued a Decision with Reasons and Rate Order (EB-2011-0405) establishing the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection ("RRRP") benefit and charge for 2012. The Board amended the RRRP charge to be collected by the Independent Electricity System Operator from the current \$0.0013 per kWh to \$0.0011 per kWh effective May 1, 2012. THESL shall begin applying the new charge effective June 1, 2012.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited's current Board-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges effective as of May 31, 2012 is declared interim effective **June 1, 2012**.
2. Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited shall apply a Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection charge of \$0.0011 per kWh effective **June 1, 2012**.

DATED at Toronto, May 30, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary