



EB-2012-0137

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 Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2013.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
April 23, 2013

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc (“Remotes”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on September 17, 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 Remotes charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013. Additional evidence was filed on or before November 12, 2012 to complete the application. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2012-0137.

The Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 on February 28, 2013, granting Cat Lake First Nation (“CLFN”), Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), Nishnawbe Aski Nation (“NAN”), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) intervenor status and cost awards eligibility. The Board also provided timelines for interrogatory requests and responses, including instructions on the numbering of interrogatories and sequencing of the responses. On April 8, 2013 Remotes filed responses to interrogatories from Energy Probe, NAN, VECC and Board staff.

After reviewing the responses to the interrogatories, the Board has determined that provision should be made for further supplemental interrogatories for the purpose of clarifying the information provided in the responses to interrogatories filed by Remotes. The Board reminds parties that interrogatories must reference the pre-filed evidence and, in accordance with Chapter 1 of the Filing Requirements for Transmission and

Distribution Applications (“Filing Requirements”), parties must sort their interrogatories and responses by topics as outlined in the exhibits in the Filing Requirements. The Board encourages parties to use a continuous numbering system to facilitate subsequent referencing of the interrogatories and in addition to add the suffix “s” to designate that the question is supplemental to an original question.

Following receipt of the responses to these supplemental interrogatories by Remotes, the Board has also made provision for a settlement conference. .

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Intervenors or Board staff who wish to ask questions that relate to the existing interrogatory responses filed by Remotes shall file supplemental interrogatories with the Board, and serve them on all other parties, on or before **May 6, 2013**. The questions should reference the existing interrogatory response and if necessary the pre-filed evidence to which the questions relate.
2. Remotes shall file with the Board complete written responses to the supplemental interrogatories, and serve the responses on the intervenors, on or before **May 21, 2013**.
3. A Settlement Conference shall be convened on **May 28, 2013**, and if necessary on **May 29, 2013**, with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties. The Settlement Conference will be held in the Board’s ADR Room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto, starting at 9:30 a.m.
4. Remotes shall file a Settlement Proposal with the Board on or before **June 17, 2013**. If there are any unsettled issues, the Parties shall file a Hearing Plan setting out a summary of the unsettled issues and a proposal with respect to the amount of time required should an oral hearing be required, including an estimate of the time required by the Parties to conduct examination in chief, cross examination and final argument.
5. The Settlement Proposal shall be presented by Remotes to the Board on **June 20, 2013**, in the Board’s West Hearing Room, starting at 9:30 a.m.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2012-0137, be made through the Board's web portal at www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/, 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.ontarioenergyboard.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. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Neil Mather at Neil.Mather@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Maureen Helt at Maureen.Helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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