



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.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 8
November 1, 2013

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited ("THESL") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on May 10, 2012, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, and the Board's Incentive Regulation Mechanism framework 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. The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated June 27, 2012.

On October 17, 2013, the Board issued Issues List Decision and Procedural Order No. 7, which among other matters established due dates for interrogatories and also required that Board staff and intervenors state by their respective interrogatory due dates whether or not they intended to file evidence in Phase 2 of this proceeding. No party indicated an intention to file Phase 2 evidence by the required date.

The Board has accordingly decided to make provision for further procedural steps at this time.

The first step will be a Technical Conference which is to commence on November 27, 2013 and continue, if necessary, on November 28, 2013. The Board asks that all

parties, with the assistance of Board staff, accommodate each other's schedules as much as possible to ensure that the time set aside for the Technical Conference is used as efficiently as possible. This will be followed by a Settlement Conference on December 5th and 6th and an oral hearing on December 16th and 17th.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Please be aware that this procedural order may be amended, and further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. A transcribed Technical Conference shall be convened on **November 27, 2013** starting at 9:30am. If necessary, the Technical Conference will continue on **November 28, 2013**. The Technical Conference will be held in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto. Parties participating in the Technical Conference are requested to file with the Board, and copy THESL and all other parties, by **November 25, 2013** confirmation of the particular issues they seek to address or seek clarification of at the Technical Conference.
2. THESL shall respond to any undertakings given at the Technical Conference, which shall be filed with the Board and copied to all parties by **December 2, 2013**.
3. A Settlement Conference shall be convened on **December 5, 2013**, starting at 9:30 a.m., with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. The Settlement Conference will be held in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto, and may continue until **December 6, 2013**, if needed.
4. Any Settlement Proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board by **December 13, 2013**.
5. An Oral Hearing will commence on **December 16, 2013** in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto. The hearing may continue until **December 17, 2013**, if needed. In the event that a settlement agreement is filed

with the Board, the presentation of the agreement will be made at the commencement of the oral hearing on **December 16, 2013**.

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.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2012-0064, 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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Martin Davies at martin.davies@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Michael Millar at michael.millar@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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