



EB-2007-0063

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF applications by electricity distribution companies for approval of a smart meter rate adder;

AND IN THE MATTER OF a combined proceeding initiated by the Ontario Energy Board pursuant to sections 19(4), 21(1), 21(5) and 78(3.03) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 to determine issues related to the recovery of costs incurred by distributors and associated with authorized discretionary metering activities.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

In January and February of 2007, twelve licensed distributors authorized to conduct discretionary metering activities filed applications pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) (the "Act") for the approval of distribution rates, which applications included a smart metering rate adder to be effective as of May 1, 2007. These distributors are Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc., Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc., Horizon Utilities Corporation, Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc., Hydro One Networks Inc., Hydro Ottawa Limited, Middlesex Power Distribution Corporation, Milton Hydro Distribution Inc., PowerStream Inc., Tay Hydro Electric Distribution Co. Inc., Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited, and Veridian Connections Inc.

The Board has issued individual Notices for these distribution rate applications, which provided notice for a combined proceeding and hearing relating to smart meters. The

Board also issued a Decision and Order for each of the twelve licensed distributors approving a smart metering rate adder, continuing the variance accounts previously authorized by the Board, and reiterating that the Board will be holding a combined proceeding, as indicated in the notice of application, to consider, among other things, appropriate recovery of smart meter costs.

On March 26, 2007, the Board received an application from Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited pursuant to section 78 of the Act for rate adjustments related to smart metering activities and Conservation and Demand Management ("CDM") activities. The Board will consider the adjustments related to smart metering activities in this Combined Proceeding. The Board will consider those aspects of the application related to CDM in a separate proceeding to commence June 21 as indicated in the Procedural Order issued May 18, 2007.

On May 2, 2007, the Board issued a further Notice of a Combined Proceeding pursuant to sections 19, 21 and 78 of the Act to determine the prudence and recovery of costs associated with smart metering activities for the twelve licensed distributors referred to above, and a thirteenth licensed distributor, Newmarket Hydro Limited, that has been authorized by regulation to conduct discretionary metering activities. The thirteen licensed distributors are listed in Appendix A to this Procedural Order. These distributors are deemed to be applicants in the Combined Proceeding.

On May 18, 2007 the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 which identified the issues to be addressed in this proceeding and set out the case timetable. In response to the Procedural Order, the Board received letters from some participants requesting it to reschedule the Issues Conference to the week of May 28, 2007.

The Board considers it appropriate to grant this request. The purpose of this Procedural Order is to amend the schedule for the Issues Conference and Issues Day as noted below; all other aspects of Procedural Order No. 1 remain the same. The Board may issue further Procedural Orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Issues Conference previously scheduled for May 25, 2007 with a reserve day of May 28, 2007, will now be convened in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge

Street, 25th Floor, Toronto on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 31, 2007 will be held as a reserve day should it be required.

2. An Issues Day, previously scheduled for May 31, 2007, will now take place on Friday, June 1, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto, at which time the Board will hear submissions with respect to any contested issues and/or the mandatory filing requirements.

DATED at Toronto, May 23, 2007

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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**APPENDIX A
COMBINED PROCEEDING – EB-2007-0063
LIST OF APPLICANTS**

DISTRIBUTOR	RATE APPLICATION FILE NUMBER
Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc.	EB-2007-0517
Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.	EB-2007-0523
Horizon Utilities Corporation	EB-2007-0538
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.	EB-2007-0541
Hydro One Networks Inc.	EB-2007-0542
Hydro Ottawa Limited	EB-2007-0544
Middlesex Power Distribution Corporation	EB-2007-0553
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	EB-2007-0555
Newmarket Hydro Ltd.	EB-2007-0557
PowerStream Inc.	EB-2007-0573
Tay Hydro Electric Distribution Co Inc.	EB-2007-0578
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	EB-2007-0582
Veridian Connections Inc.	EB-2007-0583