



## **DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF an Application by WPS Canada  
Generation Inc. dated June 28, 2004 for approval of an  
Open Access Transmission Tariff**

**October 20, 2004**

**NEW BRUNSWICK**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

WPS Canada Generation, Inc. (WPS), on June 28, 2004, filed an application, pursuant to Sections 55 and 56 of the Public Utilities Act, with the New Brunswick Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (Board) for approval of its transmission service revenue requirement and rates for the provision of transmission service to be effective January 1, 2005.

With the coming into force of the Electricity Act on October 1, 2004, the provisions dealing with the transmission of electricity in the Public Utilities Act have been repealed. The Electricity Act provides that any application made by WPS under the Public Utilities Act may be continued and completed under the Electricity Act.

The evidence, in support of the application, was filed with the Board and intervenors August 23, 2004. WPS revised its evidence to account for numerical errors and filed the revisions on September 15, 2004.

The pre-hearing conference was held September 17, 2004.

WPS, NB Power Corporation, the Northern Maine Independent System Administrator, and the Perth-Andover Electric Power Commission attended the conference and made representations. The New Brunswick Department of Energy attended as an informal intervenor.

The Board approves the WPS transmission service revenue requirement and the rates for the provision of transmission service as contained in its revised evidence. This decision is effective commencing 12:01 am, January 1, 2005.

The Board notes that all affected parties are in agreement with this decision and that it has the desired result of avoiding the 'pancaking' of transmission rates for the Perth-Andover Electric Power Commission.

The Board takes note of one specific result of this decision. That is, the costs associated with the two transmission lines that run from the Tinker

Station into Maine are included in the transmission revenue requirement to be paid for by the customers of the New Brunswick System Operator. The Board considers this to be warranted by the current circumstances. However, should future developments warrant it, the Board is prepared to review the treatment of these costs.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Lorraine Légère  
Secretary to the Board