



EB-2015-0271

Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other
charges effective January 1, 2016**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

December 9, 2015

Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. (Woodstock Hydro) filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 19, 2015 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) seeking approval for its proposal for the implementation of the new rate design for residential customers to be effective January 1, 2016.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on November 10, 2015. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility in relation to Woodstock Hydro's request for mitigating the impact of the shift to fixed rates. No objection was received.

I approve VECC as an intervenor and have determined that VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* in relation to Woodstock Hydro's request outlined above.

The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this procedural order.

Parties are reminded to consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (as revised April 24, 2014) regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

A similar application to apply the new rate design for residential customers, filed by Haldimand County Hydro Inc. (EB-2015-0259), is currently before the OEB. As the proposals put forth by the applicants in the Haldimand County Hydro Inc. and Woodstock Hydro proceedings are similar and the parties granted intervenor status are the same and have consented to conducting discovery in a common process, I will combine the discovery phase of both cases.

I consider it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. I am making provision for written submissions following the filing of undertakings, unless the OEB orders otherwise during the course of the proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. A non-transcribed teleconference will be held **December 16, 2015** starting at 10:30 a.m. to respond to questions by OEB staff and intervenors.
2. Any undertakings arising from questions posed at the non-transcribed technical conference shall be filed with the OEB no later than **December 22, 2015**.
3. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, any written submission by OEB staff and VECC shall be filed with the OEB and delivered to all other parties by **January 5, 2015**.
4. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, Woodstock Hydro may file a written reply submission with the OEB, and deliver it to VECC by **January 8, 2015**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2015-0271 and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. 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 <http://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, Stephen Vetsis at Stephen.Vetsis@ontarioenergyboard.ca and OEB Counsel, Richard Lanni at Richard.Lanni@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **December 9, 2015**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

Kristi Sebalj
Registrar

Schedule A

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