

**FIVE NATIONS ENERGY INC.  
2016 TRANSMISSION RATES  
EB-2016-0231**

**Ontario Energy Board  
Staff Submission on Confidential Filings**

**February 14, 2017**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Five Nations Energy filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 27, 2016 (completed November 25, 2016) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to its transmission revenue requirement effective January 1, 2016. Five Nations Energy recovers its approved revenue requirement through Ontario's Uniform Transmission Rates.

Five Nations Energy filed certain information included in its evidence at Updated Exhibit 5 / Tab 1 / Schedule 3 (Charge Determinant Forecast) on a confidential basis in accordance with the OEB's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings. Five Nations Energy explained that as it has a limited number of customers, revealing the information contained in the noted exhibit, even on an aggregate basis, would disclose confidential information about each customer.

In Procedural Order No. 1, dated February 7, 2017, the OEB granted OEB staff and intervenors the opportunity file submissions on Five Nations Energy's request for confidentiality.

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, OEB staff has set out its submissions on the confidentiality request below.

## **OEB STAFF SUBMISSION**

OEB staff has no concerns with Five Nations Energy's request for confidential treatment of the load information found at Updated Exhibit 5 / Tab 1 / Schedule 3. OEB staff submits that the information provided at the reference is properly considered confidential as it could be used to ascertain customer-specific load data.

The information filed at Updated Exhibit 5 / Tab 1 / Schedule 3 is similar to information that was included as part of the interrogatory responses that Five Nations Energy filed in its 2010 rates proceeding (EB-2009-0387). The OEB, in that proceeding, granted approval to Five Nations Energy's confidentiality request.<sup>1</sup>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2009-0387, Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 3, June 23, 2010.