



EB-2017-0013

Request by Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. for approval of a mechanism to record costs related to the East-West Tie transmission line subsequent to a leave to construct application

**INVITATION TO COMMENT
April 20, 2017**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) invites the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), AltaLink Ontario LP (AltaLink) and OEB staff to comment on the request made by Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. (UCT) on January 19, 2017. The request is available on the [East-West Tie page](#) of the OEB website under the heading "Cost Recording Request".

Background

In its decision dated August 7, 2013 in the EB-2011-0140 designation proceeding, the OEB named UCT the designated transmitter for the development of the East-West Tie transmission line and established a deferral account. The decision specified that the actual costs of development of the East-West Tie line were to be recorded in this deferral account from the date of the decision up to the filing a leave to construct application (LTC), or such other time as the OEB may order.

On January 19, 2017, UCT requested approval of a mechanism to record costs relating to the East-West Tie line from and after the date of filing a LTC application. UCT proposed that the OEB either permit UCT to continue recording costs in the established deferral account until the OEB's determination of the LTC application or that the OEB establish a new deferral account to record costs from and after the date that a LTC application is filed.

On March 16, 2017, the OEB issued a letter requesting further information from UCT in order to determine whether or not to consider UCT's request. UCT filed responses to the OEB's questions on March 27, 2017 which can be viewed by clicking on the link to the East West Tie webpage, noted above. UCT has indicated that it expects to file a LTC application for the East-West tie line in the second quarter of 2017.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. If the IESO, AltaLink or OEB staff wishes to comment on UCT's request the comment must be filed with the OEB and copied to UCT by **May 1, 2017**.
2. If UCT wishes to respond to any comments received, it must file its response with the OEB, and copy the response to any party that filed a comment by **May 8, 2017**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2017-0013**, be made in searchable / unrestricted PDF format electronically 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 <https://www.oeb.ca/industry/tools-resources-and-links/e-filing-services>. 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.

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DATED at Toronto, **April 20, 2017**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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