



Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

DECISION ON ISSUES LIST

EB-2017-0032

CENTRE WELLINGTON HYDRO LTD.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges
beginning January 1, 2018**

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Member

Rumina Velshi
Member

November 16, 2017

1. INTRODUCTION

Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. (Centre Wellington Hydro) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Centre Wellington Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2018. The application was accepted by the OEB as complete as of June 20, 2017.

The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 on October 10, 2017, which provided for the filing of interrogatories, responses to interrogatories, a settlement conference, a settlement proposal, and a tentative Presentation Day.

Procedural Order No. 1 also provided for a proposed issues list and required, among other things, OEB staff to file a proposed issues list that had been agreed to by all parties on November 16, 2017 or inform the OEB that parties were unable to reach an agreement. On November 14, 2017, OEB staff informed the OEB that the parties had reached an agreement on a proposed issues list.

The OEB approves the issues list as filed, with a slight modification to Issue 5.2.

2. ISSUES LIST

OEB staff submitted an agreed to Issues List on November 14, 2017. The OEB has reviewed the proposed issues list and approves it for the purpose of this proceeding, with a slight modification to Issue 5.2. The approved issues list is attached as Schedule A.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2017-0032, 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 <http://www.oeb.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, Fiona O'Connell at fiona.oconnell@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **November 16, 2017**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

SCHEDULE A
APPROVED ISSUES LIST
CENTRE WELLINGTON HYDRO LTD.
2018 DISTRIBUTION RATES
EB-2017-0032
NOVEMBER 16, 2017

**ISSUES LIST
EB-2017-0032
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.**

1.0 PLANNING

1.1 Capital

Is the level of planned capital expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning and pacing choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- customer feedback and preferences;
- productivity;
- compatibility with historical expenditures;
- compatibility with applicable benchmarks;
- reliability and service quality;
- impact on distribution rates;
- trade-offs with OM&A spending;
- government-mandated obligations;
- the objectives of Centre Wellington Hydro and its customers;
- distribution system plan.

1.2 OM&A

Is the level of planned OM&A expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- customer feedback and preferences;
- productivity;
- compatibility with historical expenditures;
- compatibility with applicable benchmarks;
- reliability and service quality;
- impact on distribution rates;
- trade-offs with capital spending;
- government-mandated obligations; and
- the objectives of Centre Wellington Hydro and its customers.

2.0 REVENUE REQUIREMENT

2.1 Are all elements of the revenue requirement reasonable, and have they been appropriately determined in accordance with OEB policies and practices?

- 2.2** Has the revenue requirement been accurately determined based on these elements?

3.0 LOAD FORECAST, COST ALLOCATION AND RATE DESIGN

- 3.1** Are the proposed load and customer forecast, loss factors, CDM adjustments and resulting billing determinants appropriate, and, to the extent applicable, are they an appropriate reflection of the energy and demand requirements of Centre Wellington Hydro's customers?
- 3.2** Is the proposed cost allocation methodology, and are the allocations and revenue-to-cost ratios, appropriate?
- 3.3** Are Centre Wellington Hydro's proposals for rate design appropriate?
- 3.4** Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates and Low Voltage service rates appropriate?

4.0 ACCOUNTING

- 4.1** Have all impacts of any changes in accounting standards, policies, estimates and adjustments been properly identified and recorded, and is the rate-making treatment of each of these impacts appropriate?
- 4.2** Are Centre Wellington Hydro's proposals for deferral and variance accounts, including the balances in the existing accounts and their disposition, requests for new accounts and the continuation of existing accounts, appropriate?

5.0 OTHER

- 5.1** Are the proposed specific service charges appropriate?
- 5.2** Are the proposals with respect to pole attachment charges and microFIT charges appropriate?