



Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP

Application for electricity transmission revenue requirement beginning January 1, 2019 and related matters

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 5

March 14, 2019

Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP (Hydro One SSM) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 26, 2018 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), and under the OEB's *Filing Requirements for Electricity Transmission Applications*. Hydro One SSM is seeking approval for changes to its electricity transmission revenue requirement to be effective January 1, 2019 and related matters.

The OEB issued its Issues List Decision on January 10, 2019, in which it set out the approved issues to be considered in this proceeding.

OEB staff filed evidence prepared by Pacific Economics Group Research LLC (PEG) entitled "*Empirical Research for Incentive Regulation of Transmission*" (PEG Report) on February 4, 2019.

In Procedural Order No. 4, the OEB provided for the filing of interrogatories on PEG's Report, and for the filing of responses to those interrogatories. The OEB subsequently granted extensions to the filing dates established in Procedural Order No. 4.

Next Steps in the Proceeding

In the expectation that the interrogatory responses relating to PEG's Report will be filed by March 18, 2019, the OEB finds it appropriate to make provision for further steps in this proceeding.

This application will be conducted through a written process. The OEB considered the evidence and the interrogatories filed to date and determined that the record is sufficient for the purposes of this proceeding. The OEB is making provision for the following:

- Filing of written argument-in-chief by Hydro One SSM
- Filing of submissions by OEB staff and any registered intervenors
- Filing of reply argument by Hydro One SSM

Parties should structure their submissions in accordance with the approved Issues List included as Schedule A to the January 10, 2019 Issues List Decision.

Further, the OEB reminds parties that submissions should pertain directly to Hydro One SSM's application under consideration. In particular, submissions regarding the expert evidence should be limited to the appropriateness of such evidence to Hydro One SSM. The submissions are not to include any recommendations on the applicability of the expert evidence to Hydro One Transmission, as these will be addressed in a separate proceeding. The OEB made that clear when it revised issue #B6 in the approved Issues List: "Is the Power Systems Engineering's sample of comparator utilities for Total Cost Benchmarking and Total Factor Productivity appropriate **for Hydro One SSM?**" [Emphasis added].

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Hydro One SSM shall file its argument-in-chief and serve it on all parties by **March 29, 2019**.
2. OEB staff and intervenors shall file their submissions, if any, with the OEB and serve them on all parties by **April 12, 2019**.
3. Hydro One SSM shall file its reply argument, if any, with the OEB and serve it on all parties by **April 26, 2019**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2018-0218, be made in searchable / unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://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 Registrar 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, James Sidlofsky, at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **March 14, 2019**

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