



**EB-2014-0002**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Horizon Utilities Corporation for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2015, and for each following year through to December 31, 2019.

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2**

**July 31, 2014**

Horizon Utilities Corporation (“Horizon” or the “Applicant”) filed a Custom Incentive Rate (“CIR”) application (the “Application”) with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on April 17, 2014 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 Horizon charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2015 and each year thereafter until December 31, 2019. The Board has assigned the application file number EB-2014-0002.

The Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 on June 9, 2014. In that Order the Board approved intervenors, made findings on issues of confidentiality, and made provisions for interrogatories, interrogatory responses, a Technical Conference, an Issues Day, a Settlement Conference and filing any Proposed Settlement Agreement.

An Intervenor, The City of Hamilton (“Hamilton”), has notified the Board that it intends to file evidence. The Board therefore finds it necessary to make provision for the following additional procedural steps.

In doing so, the dates set out in Procedural Order No. 1 remain in effect.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Any intervenor wishing to file intervenor evidence shall file its evidence with the Board by **August 8, 2014**;
2. Horizon, intervenors and Board staff shall request any relevant information and documentation from any intervenor that has filed evidence by written interrogatories filed with the Board and served on all parties on or before **August 15, 2014**;
3. Intervenors who have been served with interrogatories shall file with the Board complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on Horizon, all other intervenors and Board staff on or before **August 19, 2014**;
4. A transcribed Technical Conference will be held **August 19, 2014** starting at 9:30 in the Board's Offices at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto, Ontario to clarify any matters arising from the interrogatories only. If required, the Technical Conference will continue on **August 20, 2014**. Parties intending to participate are to provide Horizon in advance with written questions by **August 14, 2014**;
5. An Issues Hearing will be held **August 21, 2014** at 9:30 in the Board's Offices at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto, Ontario starting at 9:30 to define and set an issues list. The Board may, at its discretion, choose to reserve certain issues for oral hearing rather than settlement ;
6. A Settlement Conference among the parties will be convened **on August 27, 2014** starting at 9:30 a.m., at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto. If necessary, the Settlement Conference will continue on **August 28, 2014**;
7. Any settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the Board on or before **September 11, 2014**. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the settlement proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues. Unsettled issues will be dealt with by way of an oral hearing. Board staff is to file its submission on the settlement proposal by **September 18, 2014**.
8. An Oral Hearing will commence on **September 22, 2014** starting at 9:30 in the Board's Offices at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto, Ontario to review the Proposed Settlement and hear any unsettled issues. The Oral Hearing will continue on **September 23, 2013** if needed. If additional time is required, the Oral Hearing will reconvene on **September 29** and, if need to, continue through to **October 1, 2014**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2014-0002, and are to be made electronically through the Board's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>, in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Two paper copies must also be filed at the Board'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, Christie Clark at [Christie.Clark@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:Christie.Clark@ontarioenergyboard.ca) and Board Counsel, Maureen Helt at [Maureen.Helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:Maureen.Helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, July 31, 2014  
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