



EB-2014-0083

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 Hydro One
Brampton Networks Inc. for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution
to be effective January 1, 2015.

ISSUES LIST DECISION
September 12, 2014

Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. ("Hydro One Brampton") filed a complete cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on April 23, 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 Hydro One Brampton charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2015.

Procedural Order No. 1 made provision for the establishment of an issues list subsequent to the filing of interrogatory responses.

Hydro One Brampton filed its interrogatory responses on August 13, 2014. To clarify any matters arising from the interrogatories, a transcribed Technical Conference was held September 3, 2014. Subsequent to the Technical Conference, parties conferred on and agreed to a proposed issues list for the Board's consideration. The Board has reviewed the proposed issues list and approves it for the purpose of this proceeding. The approved issues list is attached as Appendix A.

A Settlement Conference will be held among the parties and Board staff on September 15 and 16, 2014, as indicated in Procedural Order No. 1.

DATED at Toronto, September 12, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix 'A'

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Approved Issues List

September 12, 2014

**ISSUES LIST
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1. 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;
- benchmarking of costs;
- reliability and service quality;
- impact on distribution rates;
- trade-offs with OM&A spending;
- government-mandated obligations; and
- the applicant's objectives.

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;
- benchmarking of costs;
- reliability and service quality;
- impact on distribution rates;
- trade-offs with capital spending;
- government-mandated obligations; and
- the applicant's objectives.

2. REVENUE REQUIREMENT

2.1 Have all elements of the Base Revenue Requirement, been appropriately determined in accordance with Board policies and practices?

2.2 Has the Base Revenue Requirement been accurately determined based on these elements?

3. LOAD FORECAST, COST ALLOCATION AND RATE DESIGN

3.1 Are the proposed customer classes, load and customer forecast, loss factors, CDM adjustments and resulting billing determinants an appropriate reflection of the energy and demand requirements of the applicant and its customers?

3.2 Is the proposed cost allocation methodology including the revenue-to-cost ratios appropriate?

3.3 Are the applicant's proposals for rate design appropriate?

3.4 Are the applicant's proposals regarding its fixed/variable ratios appropriate?

3.5 Do the impacts of any rate change require mitigation?

4. 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 the applicant's proposals for deferral and variance accounts and their disposition appropriate?