



EB-2014-0096

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 Niagara
Peninsula Energy Inc. for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution
to be effective May 1, 2015

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3

March 5, 2015

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (NPEI) filed a complete cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 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 NPEI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2015.

The OEB held a technical conference on January 20, 2015 and a settlement conference on February 3 and 4, 2015.

NPEI and intervenors filed a settlement proposal, representing a partial settlement, on February 25, 2015.

The OEB is reserving its decision on the settlement proposal at this time. The OEB requests a presentation of the settlement proposal by the parties and has scheduled an oral hearing for March 17, 2015. The panel will have questions subsequent to this presentation.

Parties to the settlement proposal requested that the OEB hear the unsettled issues orally. The OEB will grant this request and allow cross examination of the unsettled issues after the presentation of the settlement proposal.

At the conclusion of the oral hearing, NPEI should be prepared to provide its argument-in-chief orally. Dates for intervenor and Board staff submissions and reply submissions will be determined at the oral hearing.

The OEB considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. An oral hearing shall be convened on **March 17, 2015** starting at 9:30 a.m. The oral hearing will be held in the OEB's North Hearing Room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto.
2. At the oral hearing the Board will first hear submissions from the parties with respect to the settlement proposal and then proceed to hear the outstanding, unsettled issues.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2014-0096, 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.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 OEB 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, Richard.Battista@ontarioenergyboard.ca and OEB counsel, Maureen Helt at Maureen.Helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **March 05, 2015**

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