



EB-2015-0026

**B2M Limited Partnership
Application for an order approving just and reasonable
revenue requirement for electricity transmission to be
effective January 1, 2015 through to December 31, 2019.**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
May 27, 2015**

B2M Limited Partnership (B2M LP) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 30, 2015 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to its electricity transmission revenue requirement for 5 years from 2015 to 2019, to be effective January 1, 2015 and each year thereafter to December 31, 2019.

Intervenors

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on April 28, 2015. The Society of Energy Professionals (SEP) and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME) applied for intervenor status. CME also requested eligibility for an award of costs. I approve the SEP and CME as intervenors, and find that CME is eligible to apply for an award of costs. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Appendix A to this Procedural Order.

Issues List

It is the OEB's expectation that parties will be best positioned to identify issues relevant to B2M LP's application after the applicant has responded to interrogatories, and following a technical conference, should it be required. At that time, B2M LP, OEB staff and the intervenors shall develop, and OEB staff shall file, a proposed issues list for the OEB's consideration. The OEB will approve an issues list prior to the settlement conference.

Interrogatories

At this time, I am also making provision for written interrogatories.

Parties are reminded not to engage in detailed exploration of items that do not appear to be material. The materiality thresholds documented in Chapter 2 of the Filing Requirements should be used to guide the parties. In making its decision on cost awards, the Board will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues.

Finally, parties are reminded to consult sections 26 and 27 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (as revised April 24, 2014) regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

Further Procedural Steps

Procedural Order No. 1 covers steps in this proceeding up to the interrogatory and issues list stage. The OEB will establish further procedural steps in due course.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff shall request any relevant information and documentation from B2M LP that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and copied to all parties by **June 15, 2015**.
2. Intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from B2M LP that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and copied to all parties by **June 17, 2015**.
3. B2M LP shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and copy all parties by **June 29, 2015**.
4. Following its review of B2M LP's responses to interrogatories, the OEB will determine if a Technical Conference is required. If required, a transcribed Technical Conference will be held **July 8, 2015** starting at 9:30 a.m. in the OEB's offices at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto, Ontario to clarify any matters arising from the interrogatories only. If required, the Technical Conference will continue on **July 9, 2015**. Parties intending to participate are to notify B2M LP, and copy all parties, of the topic areas for questioning by **July 3, 2015**.
5. OEB staff shall file a proposed issues list, or, alternatively, shall advise the Board in writing that the parties and Board staff have been unable to reach an agreement on a draft issues list by **July 11, 2015**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2015-0026 and 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 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, Harold Thiessen at harold.thiessen@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, May 27, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

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Kristi Sebalj
Registrar

APPENDIX A
APPLICANT AND LIST OF INTERVENORS
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